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## "UNOFFICIALS" HAVE THEIR SAY

### THE BUDGET DEBATE

PRAISE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM.

### WATER—AND THE PEOPLE

Reply of Home Authorities Read in Council

### "JUSTICE" FOR JUNIOR CLERICAL SERVICE

Praise for certain decisions and actions, and strong constructive criticism of the Government's policy on the water supply were the main features of the views expressed by the taxpayers' representatives in to-day's debate on the 1929 Budget, when the second reading of the Supply Bill came up in the Legislative Council.

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, in the absence of Sir Henry Pollock, was senior Unofficial member. He delivered a speech on behalf of all six Unofficials, his words being endorsed by the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, the senior British member, and by the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the representative of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. Although this is not the first occasion that the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn has acted as Officer Administering the Government and the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax as Colonial Secretary, it is the first time they have presented a Hong Kong Budget in such capacities.

Stress was laid on the problem of the Colony's water supply. The Hon. Mr. Hynes described it as "the most important matter dealt with" and expressed the opinion that it called for further consideration. A statement was made by the Government spokesman. This will be published in to-morrow's "China Mail," together with the Government's replies to the Unofficials' comment.

In view of the gravity of such a vital question and the unanimity displayed by the Unofficials, information about the water supply is dealt with separately on this page.

### A FIGHTING OPPOSITION

Leading points of interest referred to by Sir Shou-son Chow were as follows:

The fact that the estimated revenue for 1928 is likely to be exceeded by not less than \$2,571,000 "may be taken as evidence that conditions in the Colony are gradually returning to normal."

"Unless times have improved to a much greater extent the Colony is not in a position to stand any substantial increase in taxation without the most serious effects on its trade."—That is the considered declaration of six experienced men of business.

A point is made of higher regular annual charges for the Police Department, in spite of figures showing a decrease in expenditure. "Without any question our standing charges have increased enormously during the last two years. . . . Personal emoluments show an increase of \$498,134 for 1929, not taking into consideration \$350,000 for Exchange Compensation Allowances."

In forcible terms the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall made out a case that the Junior Clerical Service should be granted the general increase accorded to Civil Servants on sterling salaries. "Simple justice requires that the local men also receive some help . . . he said.

Reverting to Sir Shou-son's representative utterance, the following are picked out:

Adverse comment is passed on the Imperial Government for not contributing more than \$100,000, instead of three-fourths of the total cost, towards building Kai Tak Aerodrome.

The road to Mountain Lodge (for which \$57,000 is allocated) is thought to be not as urgently needed as the Mid-Level motor road from Conduit-road to Marine Hall.

Matters of Health

Inconsistent approvals of special permits to motor-cars to be on certain "closed" roads are condemned.

The Unofficial members are disappointed that the Government has not yet succeeded in filling the post of Malariaologist. They are glad to observe that provision has been made for filling in certain mostquito-breding spaces at Kowloon.

The Government is strongly recommended to adopt the method of disposing of refuse by incinerators.

Both Sir Shou-son Chow and Dr. Kotewall praise the grant of four

### TWO WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS

#### WHICH IS BETTER?

#### CONSIDERED VIEWS OF ALL SIX "UNOFFICIALS"

#### PIPE-LINE ACROSS HARBOUR

So serious is the Hong Kong water supply question, as revealed in the speech of the Unofficial members during the Budget debate in the Legislative Council, that special reference must be made to it. Extracts follow:

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow:—"Much valuable time has already been lost."

"The unofficial members unanimously favour the second scheme" (that of laying a pipe-line across the harbour bed at a cost of \$300,000). "Even if it were completely scrapped after, say, five years, the total expenditure . . . would still be appreciably less . . ."

Sir Shou-son mentioned the pleasure occasioned by the replacing of existing city mains by larger mains. He also suggested that Pockfulum reservoir be dredged.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall:—"Is quite the most important problem now facing the Colony. Complaints this year have been particularly bitter . . . The feeling of the people is not improved."

On the question of giving the public information as to the Government's intentions, the procedure in connection with which is dealt with in the editorial columns on page 6 of this issue, Dr. Kotewall says:

"A timely explanation would have prevented it" (meaning rumours which cause unrest in the absence of official intimation). "My Chinese colleague and I are confident that the Chinese community are behind us in our preference for the first and second sections of the Shing Mun scheme. The people do not want any project which will give them a full supply for only a few years. They would rather spend a couple of million dollars more."

The Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes:—"The views expressed are the unanimous and considered opinions of all the Unofficial members . . . and I trust that this fact will carry due weight."

One section of opinion, expert and otherwise, favours construction of a reservoir at Aberdeen and completion of what is known as the first instalment of the Shing Mun scheme in the New Territory. Another section believes in completion of the first and second instalments of the Shing Mun scheme. This is unanimously supported by all six Unofficial members of the Legislative Council.

The "China Mail" understands that the project endorsed by the Unofficials will cost about \$2,000,000 more than the Aberdeen reservoir and first instalment of Shing Mun." But the Unofficials' project will make for supplies equaling the consumption in 1932 or 1933, whereas the other plan will only go as far as giving additional water by 1931 when the consumption will have exceeded the supply again.

The contention is best illustrated by figures from the speech of Sir Shou-son Chow. Quantities mentioned below (i.e., other than figures of money) are all of "millions of gallons per day." The figures can be treated as if they were merely comparative units.

Still a Shortage

At present the consumption of Hong Kong Island is 10.

The supply is 7.25 a day, leaving a shortage of 2.75.

If the Aberdeen scheme were carried out, providing 2.12, it would cost the Colony \$2,627,000.

It would be completed in 1931. By 1931, after having spent this large sum, the Island's requirements will have grown to 11.2.

The Aberdeen scheme can only supply the total supply in 1931 to 9.87 (made up of 7.25, the present supply, and 2.12, the Aberdeen scheme). Against the 9.87 available in 1931, the Island's requirements will have grown to 11.2, thereby still leaving a deficit as Sir Shou-son Chow says.

In other words, the Aberdeen scheme, to cost \$2,627,000, will give Hong Kong 2.12 more in 1931, but by that time, and after having spent this vast sum, the supply will still be short by 1.88.

Comparative Pipe-Lines

On the other side of the harbour

### ATTORNEY-GENERAL APPOINTED

#### MR. C. G. ALABASTER

#### SIR HENRY POLLOCK REVERTS TO "UNOFFICIALS"

#### EFFECT OF LATEST CHANGES

Mr. Chaloner Grenville Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C., has been appointed Attorney-General of Hong Kong during the absence on leave of Sir Joseph Kemp, C.B.E., K.C., B.A., and in place of Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., LL.D.

Mr. Alabaster is next to Sir Henry Pollock in seniority at the Bar. He has officiated as Attorney-General in the past, and has also been an Unofficial member of the Legislative Council before. He is Vice-Chairman of the Licensing

### HANKOW EX-BRITISH CONCESSION

#### DIRECTOR "SACKED"?

#### 'CHRISTIAN GENERAL'S' AGENTS BECOME ACTIVE

#### Possible NANKING FRiction

Hankow, Yesterday.

Dr. L. N. Chang, Director of the Special Administrative Area No. 8 of Hankow (formerly the British Concession) is reported to have been dismissed by the local Nationalist Government. A Mr. Hsi may be sent to take his place but it is not certain, under the terms of the Eugene Chen-O'Malley Agreement, that Mr. Hsi will be accepted as the new Director.

General Feng Yu-hsiang's emissaries are also said to be active in Hankow and the return to Hankow of General Pei Chung

### YEO AGAIN BEFORE THE COURT

#### SIX CHARGES

#### LARGE SUMS INVOLVED IN ALLEGED FORGERY

#### TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

Hearing was begun, by Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy, this morning in the case in which Carvalho Yeo is charged in connection with the Hong Kong Treasury frauds in January this year.

Mr. T. M. Hazelrig, M.C., prosecuted for the Crown whilst accused was defended by Mr. C. A. S. Russ. Mr. F. C. Jenkins and Mr. D. J. Lewis were also present in Court, and, in reply to the Magistrate, Mr. Jenkins said that he was instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Masters to watch the case in the interest of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

There were six charges against Yeo as follows:

(A) that he on or about January 3, 1928, did forge a cheque dated December 30, 1927, purported to have been drawn upon the general account of the Government of Hong Kong with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in favour of Katz and Co., for the sum of \$86,568.38;

(B) that he on or about January 4, 1928, did forge a cheque dated December 30, 1927 purported to have been drawn upon the general account of the Government of Hong Kong with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in favour of Min Tak Co., for the sum of \$78,300.41;

(C) that he on or about January 5, 1928, did forge a cheque dated December 30, 1927 purported to have been drawn upon the general account of the Government of Hong Kong with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in favour of Man Lee Co., for the sum of \$92,142.19.

The other three charges were that he uttered the three cheques mentioned in charges A, B and C, knowing them to be forged.

#### The Forged Cheques

In opening the case for the Crown, Mr. Hazelrig said that on January 3, 4 and 5, 1928, three cheques purported to have been drawn by the Hong Kong Treasury in favour of the three firms mentioned in the charges, were presented to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank through other banks. The total amount of these cheques was \$260,407.33. The

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#### "AN OPEN MIND"

Govt. Reply On Water Question.

#### ANY "FORRADER"?

Following is the gist of the Colonial Secretary's reply to the water supply critics:

Sanction has been received from the Secretary of State to proceed with the scheme for bringing water across the harbour, and preparatory work is already in progress.

The Government preserves an open mind as to which of the two schemes will be adopted. Meanwhile work in common to both will be pushed on with the utmost vigour.

The Secretary of State is not unaware of the views of the Unofficials.

Detailed replies were also made to each point summarised in the "China Mail."

The Government also drew attention to the fact that "while it would be possible to make an early start on the Aberdeen scheme, a good deal remains to be done before the Shing Mun Second section can be put before the Secretary of State for sanction.

ployee and that was an office boy, and no business was carried on.

Rent for the office was paid by the prisoner by cheques drawn on the account of the Min Tak Co., and was last paid by the prisoner on January 5, 1928, after which date he was not seen again in the office.

#### Accounts Opened

Having secured office premises, the prisoner proceeded to open accounts for the three firms in China Building with various banks. On September 2, 1927, giving the name of Chan Man-wai, the prisoner interviewed the manager and accountant of the Instone Banking Corporation and said that he was the manager of the Min Tak Co., coal contractors and merchants. He asked to be allowed to open a current account.

His application was accepted and the prisoner paid in \$3,500 in notes and received "paying-in" and cheque books. He said that he would be the sole signatory for the firm, and the bank required a letter of authority.

On the following day the prisoner presented a letter of authority bearing three Chinese names purporting to be the signatures of three partners of the Min Tak firm giving Chan Man-wai authority to sign for the firm.

#### Payments Made

During the remainder of 1927 two further payments were made to the Instone Banking Corporation for the account of the Min Tak Co. One sum of \$500 was in cash and on October 28 a cheque drawn by the Man Lee Co. on the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation was paid into the account of the Min Tak Co.

Seventeen cheques were drawn against the Min Tak Co.'s account up to the end of 1927. Two of these were in favour of Katz and Co., one of \$8,050.14 on September 14 and another for \$470 on November 14.

At the end of 1927 the account of the Min Tak Co. showed a small credit balance. All the transactions of the firm were carried out by the prisoner in person.

#### Special Class Clerk

Prisoner, Mr. Hazelrig said, joined the Government on September 1, 1926, in the name of Carvalho Yeo as a special class clerk with the salary of \$1,000 a year. He continually served at the Treasury up to the first week of January this year.

There was evidence which showed that from September 1, 1927, defendant had been making preparations for the perpetration of the forgery of the cheques. On September 1, 1927, in the name of Yeung Tak, prisoner called on the agent of the principal tenant of the sixth floor of China Building, and the overhead signal wiring, traffic on the Peak Tramway was suspended before the business hour began this morning, and many residents joined the march down to the city.

Owing, it is believed, to a fault in the overhead signal wiring, traffic on the Peak Tramway was suspended before the business hour began this morning, and many residents joined the march down to the city.

Repairs were effected by mid-day and trams were running again before the lunch hour.

Offices were let to the prisoner and on September 3 these were occupied, a paper sign with the name of Min Tak Co. being put up. About a month later two other signs—Katz and



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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 9th day of October, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui Po, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Open Price.
New Kowloon, Lot No. 117, Apt. 1, Junction of Prince Edward Road and Klapuk Street.	117	N. ft. ft. ft. ft. W. ft. ft. ft. ft. As per sale plan.	602	\$ 5	\$ 5

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## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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E. V. JESSEN,  
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Hong Kong, 27th Sept., 1928.

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Superintendent.  
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## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Open Price.
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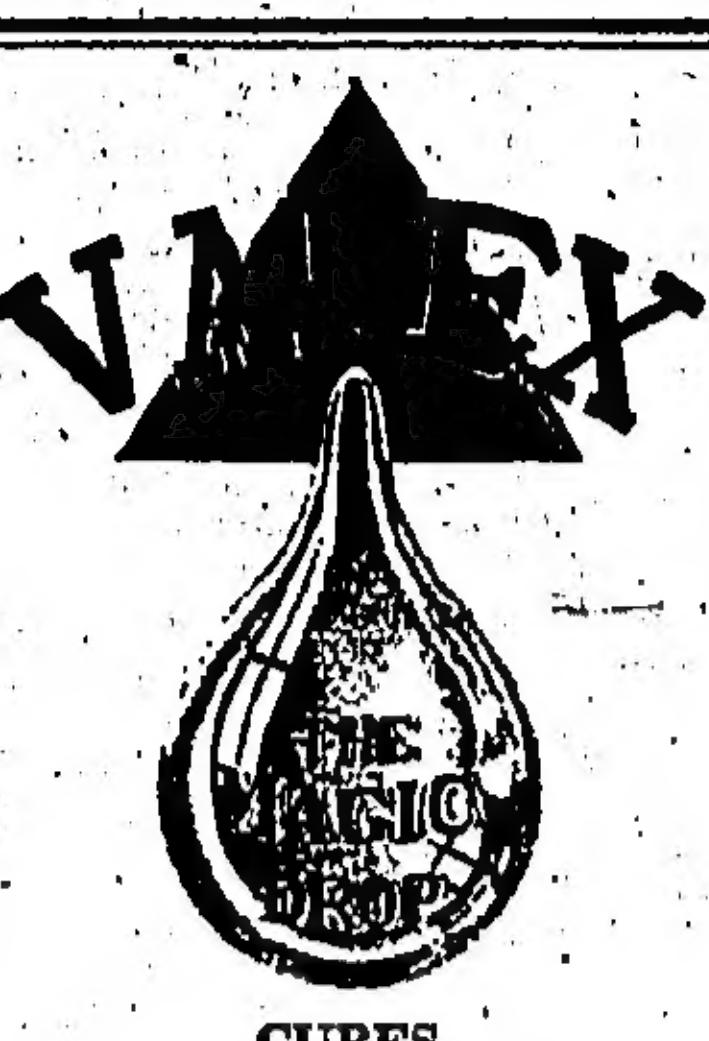
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FUSHIMI MARU ..... Saturday, 6th October.

HAKOZAKI MARU ..... Saturday, 20th October.

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RAKUYO MARU ..... Monday, 12th November.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town &amp; Ports.

KANAGAWA MARU ..... Tuesday, 9th October.

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BOMBAY MARU ..... via Japan ports, San Francisco &amp; Panama.

JAPAN PORTS.

ANDES MARU ..... Saturday, 6th October.

KASADO MARU ..... Wednesday, 10th October.

KEELUNG—via SWATOW &amp; AMOY ..... Wednesday, 17th October.

HOZAN MARU ..... Sunday, 7th October, noon.

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TAKAO—via SWATOW &amp; AMOY ..... Thursday, 18th October.

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## BUDGET DEBATE

(Continued from Page 2.)

received by some Unofficial members that the method adopted by the Government in issuing meters is far from being consistent; and not infrequently these complaints go so far as to allege that discrimination is shown—one applicant being granted a meter and another being refused a meter—for no ostensible reason. While we do not say that such complaints are well founded, we feel that, as they are made, a clear statement of the Government's policy in the matter would go far to reassure the public and remove any misunderstandings.

## Disappointment

Turning to revenue, I wish to draw Your Excellency's attention to an item in the Abstract of Revenue. This item is shown to have been produced in 1927 the sum of \$655,584; is estimated to produce this year \$518,940; but is expected to yield not more than \$386,400 next year. Reference to the detailed sub-heads of the Draft Estimates elicits no explanation for this expected large decrease. We should be glad if Your Excellency could give us the reason for the big decline anticipated in 1929.

The approved estimate for 1928 for "Forfeitures" is given as \$60,000, while the amount inserted for next year is only \$30,000. We should also be glad if Your Excellency could give us an explanation for this 50 per cent. decrease.

Coming to expenditure, the Unofficial members are disappointed that the Government has not yet succeeded in filling the post of Malariaologist. There is no need for me to dwell again upon the urgent need in the Colony for a specially trained malarial research officer, both for the valuable work he can do in combating the disease and for the steps he can take in preparing an organised effort to eradicate it from the Colony. We trust that the Government will make every effort to secure the services of an expert, offering more attractive terms, if failure to fill the post has been due to lack of sufficient inducement.

## Dramatic Increase

The Unofficial members have noted with pleasure that arrangements have been made whereby nursing sisters now have four clear days off duty in every month. The change and rest thus afforded will prove a welcome respite from duties that are nearly always arduous and are frequently extremely trying.

The increase in the number of bonuses for language study—nearly fourfold as compared with the 1928 Estimates—is gratifying evidence that more members of the Civil Service have been studying Chinese, and with successful results. Practical encouragement in the form of bonuses or allowances is therefore welcome.

"Stationery" shows an increase from \$60,000 in 1928 to \$95,000 for 1929. In the absence of any explanation for this big increase in the figures, the Unofficial members are forced to conclude either that the current year's expenditure has been badly under-estimated, or that the demand for stationery in Government departments has dramatically increased in one leap by 50 per cent. Perhaps there is another explanation which, attention having now been drawn to the matter, the Government may be pleased to vouchsafe.

## Kai Tak Aerodrome

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, when speaking of Public Works Recurrent—the annual maintenance charges—made the observation that during the past few years economy had been enforced to the lowest point consistent with efficiency. The Unofficial members are happy to add the tribute that, although working under this disability, the Public Works Department has succeeded in maintaining a high standard of efficiency in the maintenance and upkeep of public works, for which credit is due to the Hon. Director of Public Works and his hard-working staff.

The inability of His Majesty's Government to contribute more than \$100,000 towards the cost of the Aerodrome instead of paying three-fourths of the total cost, is very disappointing to the community, after it had been told that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had actually proposed to the Imperial Treasury three-fourths of the cost as being its equitable share of the outlay.

## \$57,000 for a Peak Road

Feeling that the Secretary of State would not have accepted this proportion as representing the Imperial Government's just obligation unless it had appealed to him as being eminently fair—as I may say it does to us—we earnestly hope that further strong representations will be made to the Imperial Government to increase its contribution to the full three-fourths. The Aerodrome, while it will be a valuable local asset, will be a still more valuable Imperial asset as a vital link in the communications of the Empire.

I now come to "Public Works Extraordinary." Although the Colony has reached the point where it is necessary to draw upon our resources in order to finance many of the great cities of the world, including our near neighbour, Siam, the port of Hong Kong, which

works, the Unofficial Members consider that this step is justified. They also consider that the works selected to be carried out represent, on the whole, those that really need doing first.

## "Ubiquitous" White Lines

I am, however, to say that we cannot support the road to Mountain Lodge, \$57,000. The Hon. Director of Public Works has explained this item by stating that the road would be graded to allow for motor traffic, thus providing an approach to Mountain Lodge, the wireless station, and houses on private property in the vicinity. We feel that we cannot approve the proposed outlay because, so far as we can see, to grade the present road, which is too narrow for motor traffic, would be a useless expenditure of money unless the road were at the same time widened, which in turn would involve an additional expenditure far beyond a point we think we should be asked to condone in the present straitened times. Without the road being widened as well as graded we cannot see how a motor-car can use it and not be a danger to pedestrians, however ingenious the Traffic Department might be ready to prove itself in decorating the roadway with the now ubiquitous, white lines.

## Mid-Levels

The Hon. Colonial Secretary in his Budget speech at the last meeting stated that the erection of more new buildings for the accommodation of Government offices has become a matter requiring early and anxious attention. The Unofficial members venture the suggestion that a stringency resulting from the strike and boycott. It should now be extended, so that reader access in certain departments may be given to the houses on the mountain may make it unnecessary to embark upon the provision of Mid-Level Residents' Association office buildings for some time to

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## Special Motor Permits

While still upon the subject of roads we should like to refer to the present system of issuing special permits granting the right to certain owners of motor-cars to use thoroughfares otherwise closed to motor traffic. Instances have been brought to our notice where, the road being both steep and narrow, no such permits should have been issued; instances have also been given where, for the same reasons, no permits should have been issued for a big car where only a small car might proceed with some safety, if carefully driven.

These facts, as little consistent with public safety and the rights of pedestrians, apply more particularly to the higher levels. We appreciate the necessity for allowing motorists all reasonable facilities, but we feel that in future, having due regard for public safety, great care could be exercised, when permits are applied for, to see that the road can really take such special motor traffic without danger, and also that special regard will be paid to the size of the car for which a permit is being sought. We would go even further than this, and advocate that permits already issued should be withdrawn where revised opinion—particularly in the matter of size of cars—leaves any doubt as to the safety of pedestrians using the same thoroughfares.

## Refuse &amp; Pollution

With reference to the present method of disposing of the City refuse, we would urge the Government to keep in view the scheme of having the work done by incinerators in the near future. When refuse is dumped into the sea, despite every care to ensure that none returns to the harbour, it has a way of drifting back in quantities, not only to the inner harbour but also to the foreshores of the neighbouring islands, notably Lantau and Lamma Islands, thereby assisting to pollute the waters of the harbour and to disfigure the foreshore, to the detriment of the health of the boat-people and bathers. The question of providing the Colony with refuse destructor has been under consideration for many years, and one of the arguments raised some years ago against the proposal was the great distance the old bullock-carts had to travel with their loads of refuse to the outskirts of the town. This argument no longer obtains to-day, as the modern motor-lorry has replaced the antiquated bullock-carts. We cannot see any other reasons for rejecting the scheme when, in point of fact, destructors are being used with complete success by most of the great cities of the world, including our near neighbour, Siam.

Hong Kong, which

prides itself on keeping pace with the march of progress is sadly behind the times in this respect.

## Markets

The unofficial members are glad to see that the Government has decided to proceed with the construction of the Salingpun Market. Although the sum required for this work is a large one, we consider that the market is needed to meet the requirements of the growing population in the western district. Moreover, the market is a remunerative undertaking which will pay for itself in due course through the rentals derived from the stalls.

The Unofficial members are also glad to observe that provision has been made for filling in certain mosquito-breeding spaces at Kowloon. This important work should be proceeded with, without awaiting the arrival of the Malariaologist. A sum of \$20,000 is inserted for the provision of filtered water to the Dairy Farm lots on Diamond Hill. This provision has our approval; but some of my colleagues desire to be informed why regard has not been paid to similar requests of the Dairy Farm Co. for their lots at Pokfulam.

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## U.S. POLITICS

HIGH PRESSURE METHODS  
AND PRESIDENCY

## TUNNEY'S CABLE!

New York, Yesterday. That high pressure methods by the political campaign managers to influence voters are coming into the presidential election is evidenced by the publication of a cable to Tunney from Rome to the Democratic National Committee expressing best wishes of success to Governor Smith.

The Republican Committee countered with a telegram from Lindbergh to Hoover declaring that he flew to his home in St. Louis to register as a voter because he believed the success of the Republican candidate was "supremely important" to the country. — Reuter's American Service.

## U.S.A.'S GOLD

A BILLION DOLLARS IN  
EXCESS

## HOW 1/2 BILLION WENT

New York, Yesterday. In an address to the American Bankers' Association Mr. Curtis Young declared that the United States had lost half a billion of dollars' worth of gold to the rest of the world last year. The loss was due, because the recipients of the gold used it as a basis of their monetary reconstruction and it removed from foreign trade with the United States risks arising from unstable exchanges and disorganized conditions among its foreign customers. Mr. Young added that the United States' gold reserves at present amounted to a billion dollars in excess of legal requirements. — Reuter's American Service.

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After a salute to the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's portrait and the reading of his will, the Admiral thoroughly inspected each ship, after which physical drill, fire drill and collision drill were carried out, followed by the ships clearing for action and carrying out a mock battle including anti-aircraft tactics.

Admiral Chen Shao-kwan then delivered a speech pointing out the necessity of building up a strong and efficient navy for China, adding that the Nationalist Government was planning to make Shanghai, Nanking, Szechuan, and Canton the biggest naval base and to establish a modern naval academy there. — Reuter's.

## WAR ECHO IN NORTH

New York, Yesterday. The death is reported from Battle Creek, Michigan, of Mr. Clarence Walker Barron, Editor of the "Wall Street Journal," Reuter's American Service.

A violent thunderstorm broke over Bradford-on-Avon, when the Queen was passing through the town in her car recently to visit Wiltshire. Major the home of a well-known and unfamiliar

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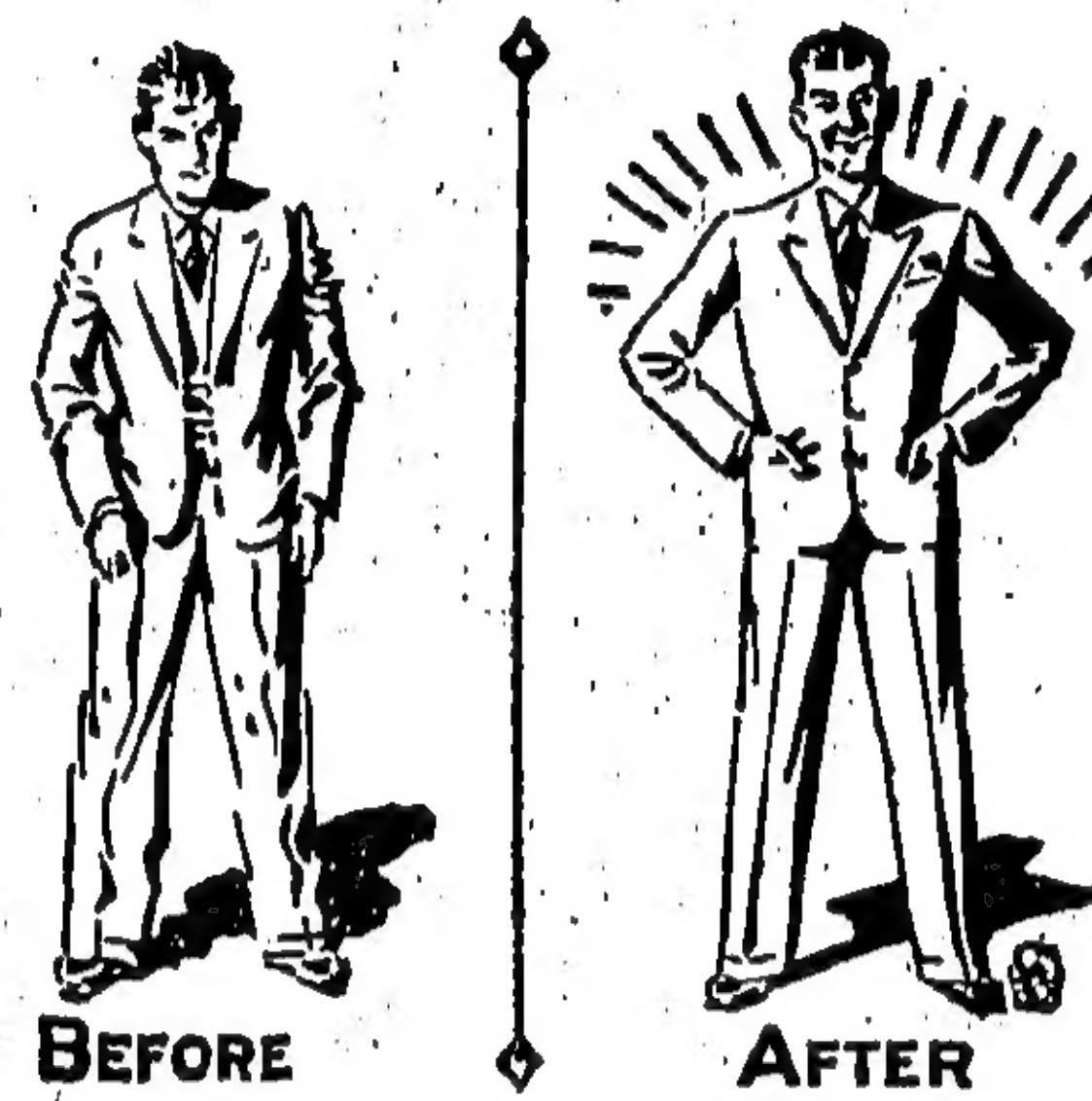
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## A PRESENTATION

The Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie, Pastor of the Union Church, Kennedy-road, and his wife, who are shortly going home after fifteen years' work in the Colony, were the recipients of a beautiful silver kettle, on a stand, as a parting gift from members of the congregation and others, last evening.

The presentation, which was made by Mr. M. F. Key, took place in the Union Church Lecture Hall, Kennedy-road, in the presence of a large gathering, which was presided over by the Rev. J. H. Johnston, Minister of the Union Church, Kowloon.

Among those present were His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria, Miss Davies and the Rev. H. R. Wells (London Mission), the Rev. F. C. Knight Anstey (Anglican Minister), the Rev. H. V. Koop, the Rev. G. F. Stopford, C.F., the Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, C.F., and the Rev. Frank Short, in addition to members of the governing body of St. John's Cathedral and a large number of Union Church adherents.

**Mr. Maconachie's Ministry**  
The proceedings were opened by the Chairman who, in a lengthy speech of appreciation of Mr. Kirk Maconachie's work in the Colony, said that Mr. Maconachie's ministry in Hong Kong began on March 30, 1913, and closed on September 30, 1928, having lasted exactly fifteen years and a half. Thus the Ministry just closed has surpassed in duration all preceding ones since the Church became self-supporting. Not only so but, in that period, Union Church touched a height of prosperity far above the highest reached before, as indicated by the number of seatholders and the amount of the current income, while the pulpit attained a breadth of influence quite unique.

That the abounding prosperity of the Church was closely connected with the general prosperity of the Colony, none recognised more clearly than Mr. Maconachie, who likewise foresaw that the conditions were too favourable to last, and that a period of financial depression was liable to follow, for which provision should be made. The beautiful organ installed in 1917, when the tide of prosperity was rising, the magnificent Three-quarter Century Fund of \$40,000, created while finances were at their height, in 1919; and Union Church, Kowloon, founded in 1924, before the depression was seriously felt, remain lasting memorials to Mr. Maconachie's success, his foresight and prudence, his power of initiative and tenacity of purpose, his breadth of outlook and wise statesmanship. Future generations, in Hong Kong and Kowloon, will still rise up to bless the name of Mr. Maconachie. (Applause.)

**Mr. Maconachie's Influence**  
To Mr. Maconachie are also due the generous gifts of Sir Paul Chater, both to the mother and the daughter Church. Indeed there is reason to believe that all the liberal benefactions to the Churches in the Colony which distinguished the closing years of Sir Paul's remarkable career, may have been prompted by a sermon of Mr. Maconachie's.

The influence of Union Church pulpit during the past 16 years is something which cannot be calculated, but which has certainly been immense. Within that period fell the Great War, with all its vicissitudes from first to last, and all the profound and varied emotions which were stirred and all the unprecedented situations and peculiar problems which arose. At such a time a preacher is severely tested, but Mr. Maconachie rose to the full height of his opportunity. Many have told me that, through those months and years of tension and of awakened communal feeling, his voice sounded out from week to week with a truly prophetic ring.

It would be impossible to enumerate all the benevolent activities in which Mr. Maconachie has taken part, often a leading and controlling part, such as the Hong Kong and New Territories Evangelistic Society, War Charities, Hospital Committee, German Missions Trust, Y.M.C.A., etc. His connection with the Scottish Volunteers and the St. Andrew's Society has been commemorated elsewhere. (Applause.)

**Church Constitution**

Mr. Maconachie has enjoyed a wide and well deserved popularity, but popularity is not incompatible with loneliness, for, while it is easy to find a thousand who are ready to be amused with a humorous story, it is hard to find one who will co-operate in a high spiritual aim. The misfortune is that this inevitable spiritual isolation was aggravated by the defective constitution of Union Church which seems to have been framed rather to curb the Pastor and keep him in restraint than to give scope to his efforts and establish his authority. I refer to this deliberately, because I hope a better situation will be created for his successor. (Applause.)

Mr. Maconachie has likewise experienced a sense of isolation, as being for the most of the time practically the only representative of the Free Church Ministry, a great change for him after being the secretary of the Manchester District Free Church Federation. Although well able to stand alone and to defend himself and his cause, Mr. Maconachie is the soul of friendship and therefore all the more hearty was the welcome he gave to me as a colleague, and very kind has he been to me ever since I came.

**Mrs. Maconachie**  
And we are losing another kindred spirit in Mrs. Maconachie. I have spoken of isolation, it was an isolation always qualified by that sympathetic presence. Mrs. Maconachie has always seconded her husband's efforts with ability and grace and with plenty of initiative of her own. And so we are gathered to-night to pay a final tribute of thanks to them both for their presence and help during these 15 years and to wish them every good wish for days to come. (Applause.)

**The Bishop's Tribute**  
The Bishop said he was sure they would agree with him that what had been said about Mr. Maconachie's influence reaching far beyond the church was not in any degree exaggerated. He (the Bishop) had been in Hong Kong for eight years during which time he had been closely associated with Mr. Maconachie. Referring to his impending departure, his Lordship said "As the time of his departure has been drawing nigh, my own heart has been sad again and again."

Continuing, his Lordship remarked that among the characteristics he had found in Mr. Maconachie were big mindedness, unscrupulous fair mindedness and the true spirit of comradeship and friendliness.

Talking from his heart, he was taking leave of one who was a colleague, a friend, and one whose judgment had been of great help on many occasions.

Wherever Mr. Maconachie went he would have a wide and beneficial influence.

## Other Speakers

Others who spoke were Mr. T. Mitchell, Chairman of the Committee, Miss Davies, who expressed the regret of the London Mission at the recent departure of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Maconachie, and the Rev. Alexander, C. F., who expressed the appreciation of the K.O.S.E.

## The Presentation

Mr. M. F. Key, secretary of the Church Committee, asked Mr. and Mrs. Maconachie to accept the gift of the silver kettle and a cheque to which he mentioned members of the Church, both in Hong Kong and on leave, had subscribed as well as others in the Colony who were not connected with Union Church.

The present bore the following inscription "Presented to the Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie and Mrs. Maconachie by members and friends of Union Church, Hong Kong, as a token of affectionate regard—1913—1928."

## Mr. Maconachie's Speech

In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Maconachie said he could present a claim, which he was sure, would be honoured, on the sympathy of the meeting. Never in his life had he heard his name spoken so often within such a short time (laughter) and referred to in terms of such generous appreciation.

## The Family

Socially prominent, Mr. Tse Yat was popular and highly respected amongst the members of every community in the Colony. He had a family of eleven children, four being sons. Of these, three survive him and are all successful in business in Hong Kong. The eldest son, Mr. Nicholas Tse Yung-kwong, for many years held an important post in the Peking-Kalgan Railway, and later took up a responsible position in Tientsin with the Hamburg-American Line's Godown and Wharf, and figured prominently in relief work when Tientsin suffered from a destructive flood. The second son, Mr. Simon Tse Yan, is comprador of the Nippon Yusha Kai in Hong Kong, and Vice-President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Chairman of the St. Joseph's Association, and of the St. Joseph's Home for the Aged Poor. Like his father, he had also been a Director of the Tung Wah Hospital and the Po Leung Kuk.

After speaking of the note which he said he hoped had animated his ministry, and the principles which he had tried to pursue, Mr. Maconachie said it was no easy matter for his wife and himself to say goodbye.

After a reference to his wife, and to the fact that they came to the Colony a family of three and would leave as a family of two, Mr. Maconachie concluded by commanding them to God. If they did not meet again in these mortal scenes, he believed, from the bottom of his heart, they would be joined together with those who had passed through here in the faith and fear of God, and had entered a higher sphere of life and experience and service.

The meeting concluded with the singing of a hymn, and Mr. Maconachie then pronounced the Benediction.

MR. F. TSE YAT  
PROMINENT CHINESE PASSES  
AWAY

## SPLENDID CAREER

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ON HIGHWAY  
CHARGE AGAINST A CHINESE  
AND 3 GIRLS  
CASE PROCEEDING

The case in which a Chinese and three girls are charged in connection with the highway robbery committed on an elderly woman, at Tai Nam Chung on August 12, was continued at the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday.

Mr. H. Somerset Flitroy is appearing for the Crown.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ represents the first defendant while Mr. Leo d'Almada is for the three girls.

After evidence was given, Mr. W. Schofield decided that there was not sufficient evidence against the fourth defendant and she was discharged. There was, however, a *prima facie* case against the other three.

## FRENCH FINANCES

CAPITAL DEBT AND SINKING  
FUND

Paris, Yesterday. M. Chappedelaine, the Chamber financial reporter, has said that the French capital debt diminished by 15,000,000,000 francs between December 31, 1925 and June 30, 1928. In 1929 more than 8,000,000,000 francs will be devoted to Sinking Fund. —Reuter.

"RITZY"  
NEW ELINOR GLYN COMEDY  
COMING

One of the most colourful, picturesque, and thrilling pictures of the season, "The Road to Romance," will be screened at the Star Theatre from to-day to Saturday. Roman Novarro, the hero of "Ben-Hur," has an equally strong part to play as a young Spanish nobleman who goes out seeking adventure among the pirates of the Caribbean Sea—and finds it in plenty. Charming Marceline Day appears opposite the star and adds much to the effectiveness of the story. Roy d'Arcy, the most convincing "villain" of the screen, is cast as a crooked Spanish judge who finally ends his life rather than face the issue of his crimes. Faithful replicas of olden, time pirate ships and many spectacular scenes of battle between buccaneer and freebooter are among the highlights of the picture.

TO-DAY'S BIG FILM  
"TWO LOVERS" AT THE  
QUEEN'S THEATRE

## FAMOUS STARS

The farewell appearance of Ronald Colman and Vilma Banty, the world famous stars, as screen partners, will be seen in "Two Lovers," which arrives at the Queen's Theatre to-day. The picture is an adaptation of the well-known novel, "Leatherface" by Baroness Orczy and concerns the adventures of the mysterious leather-masked dare-devil who always turns up just in the nick of time to save his lord liege, the Prince of Orange from being captured by the enemy and later helps to free "Flanders" from the hands of the Spaniards. Ronald Colman, who starred in "The Dark Angel" and "Beau Geste," two memorable pictures, is cast in the colourful role of "Leatherface" himself. Vilma Banty, the beautiful Hungarian star, who also has many screen successes to her credit is the heroine. Paul Lukas, Nigel de Brulier, and Helen Jerome Eddy appear in character roles excelled only by the part of Noah Beery as the sinister Duke of Azar. Intricately constructed and impressive settings, faithful reproduction of 16th century atmosphere together with a stirring battle episode, are among the many spectacular features of the picture. "Two Lovers," which was directed by Fred Niblo, who also directed "Ben-Hur," will be shown until Saturday.

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### BUDGET DEBATE

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under the heading of Special Expenditure are not so high as they were last year. Actually the regular annual charges show an increase of \$92,560 for next year, which means that the Police Department, apart from non-recurring special expenditure, will cost us that much more in 1929.

#### The Increases

The Unofficial members do not say that this increase is not necessary; neither do they in any way intend their remarks to convey any impression that they are lacking in appreciation of the good work done by the guardians of our lives and property. They merely point out the cold fact that in the regular charges of the Department there is an increase, and 'not a saving', in the real position.

Without any question, our standing charges have increased enormously during the last two years. A reference to the Abstract showing the differences between the approved estimates of expenditure for 1928 and the estimates of expenditure for 1929 reveals that personal emoluments alone show an increase of \$498,134 for 1929. And this figure does not take into account the item Exchange Compensation Allowance amounting to a further sum of \$360,000, which is also in the nature of personal emoluments. Added together, these two sums yield the large total of \$848,134.

#### "Rather Alarming Rate"

We fully appreciate the necessity for increasing expenditure to keep pace with the growing needs of the Colony, but we find it exceedingly hard to believe that the developments during the last twelve months—half of which period has been one of trade depression and general uncertainty—can possibly have justified the large increase in personal emoluments these figures reveal. The Colony at present is drawing upon its none too large reserve and is borrowing money for several essential works; but expenditure seems to be still mounting up at a rather alarming rate. We would therefore earnestly ask the Government to exercise even greater care in keeping expenditure in every department down to the absolute minimum consistent with efficiency.

#### Optimism

Our anxiety to see every possible saving effected must not, however, be taken to imply that we have any lack of faith in the future of the Colony, for we fully share the optimism expressed by Your Excellency and the Hon. Colonial Secretary at the last meeting of this Council. The confidence that all classes of the community showed when the outlook was darkest during the strike and boycott has already been more than justified, and we feel that a yet brighter future, to which we are now looking forward, will reward our faith just as surely. Your Excellency has been good enough to say that you could rely upon our co-operation in all measures for the welfare of the Colony. That co-operation has been extended freely and cheerfully in the past, and it will be given with the same readiness and pleasure in the future. (Applause.)

Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

Sir.—The same circumstance that has made the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow the spokesman for the Unofficials to-day has likewise placed on me the duty and privilege of presenting the Chinese views on the Budget this year.

Though the Hon. senior Unofficial member has spoken at some length on the question of water supply for the Island of Hong Kong, which he rightly says is quite the most important problem now facing the Colony, I make no apology for referring to and laying some stress on the subject, affecting as it does the Chinese more than the other residents of the Colony. This year, owing to a combination of circumstances which I need not enter into here, the people have suffered greater hardship from a water shortage than they have undergone for many years past, and their suffering was intensified by restrictions on the supply having to be enforced by the Government much earlier in the year and in the swelter of mid-summer. Consequently their pitiable plight has brought home to us, more forcibly than ever before, the need for finding a permanent remedy in the shortest possible way.

**Bitter Complaints**

The complaints we have heard this year have been particularly bitter. While I may regret such bitterness, one cannot help sympathizing with the distress that evokes it. The more intelligent classes know that there are things which are beyond human control, they also know the efforts made by the Government to secure a permanent augmenta-

tion of our water supply. But the people bearing the actual hardship cannot be expected to make fine distinctions. All that they know is that year after year, for many years, and sometimes more than once in the short period of a few months, they have to endure a restricted supply; and that, so far, no tangible evidence of the Government's endeavour to find a permanent remedy is in sight.

#### Bolt from the Blue.

The feeling of the people is not improved by the fact that one day they are told that a reservoir is full to overflowing and only less than a month afterwards, like a bolt from the blue, a restricted supply is clapped on without any explanation and with scarcely any previous warning! Such abrupt action is apt to give rise to all sorts of unpleasant rumours which may have bad effect on the public tranquillity. When the restriction was first introduced in the western district in July last, there was a rumour that the action was designed to induce the inhabitants of that district, which was overcrowded, to migrate to the eastern part of the city, then happily on full allowance. There was another talk that the Government, in putting on the restriction, wanted to force the people in the rider-main districts to have water-meters installed in their houses.

#### Timely Explanation.

"These must be the reasons," they said, "or what else can it be, since only a couple of weeks ago we were told that the reservoirs were full to overflowing?" This, Sir, was the kind of gossip going round the town. It was, of course, unfounded and foolish, but none the less harmful. A timely explanation would have prevented it. I would, therefore, respectfully suggest that in future, if the Government finds itself compelled to resort to a restricted allowance, due warning should be given, with the necessary explanation for the proposed step, so as to enlighten the public.

#### The Chinese View.

Sir, this problem of water supply is so vital to us and so imperiously urgent that it is to be hoped that the Secretary of State for the Colonies will, before long, come to a definite decision on the two alternative schemes submitted for his consideration, and that he will cast his vote in favour of that unanimously supported by the Unofficial members. My Chinese colleague and I are confident that the Chinese community are behind us in our preference for the first and second sections of the Shing Mun scheme. The people do not want any project which will give them a full supply for only a few years. They would rather spend a couple of million dollars more on works that would ensure for them a supply adequate to their needs for many years to come. The scheme favoured by the Unofficial members will have the desired result, as the figures quoted by the Hon. senior Unofficial member have shown. The Chinese do not, however, wish to see the Aberdeen scheme given up entirely; they think that it should be kept in view—to be used as a last resource.

#### Vexed Problem.

Like most of their fellow-residents, the Chinese are anxious that the simpler and cheaper method of bringing the water across by a pipe-line to be laid on the bed of the harbour, should be adopted, and proceeded with at once so that, as the Hon. senior Unofficial member has put it, the million precious gallons now daily running to waste on the other side of the harbour may be brought over to the island at the earliest possible moment, to afford relief to the tens of thousands of suffering people. Sir Shou-sun Chow and I can assure Your Excellency that the entire Chinese community is ready to support any expenditure conducive to the happy result of solving, once for all, this difficult and vexed problem.

#### School of Chinese.

I have been asked by those interested in the School of Chinese at our University to tender grateful thanks to Your Excellency and to the Government for the generous grant of \$82,200. Without this grant it would not have been possible for the School to commence. As Sir Cecil Clement has pointed out, the work of the School will be of inestimable value not only to the students themselves, but also to China and Great Britain in strengthening still further the bonds between the two countries. The promoters of the School hope that with the advent of better times to which we are all looking forward with confidence, the community will

make further substantial contributions to the Endowment Fund of the School, so that the grant from the Government may be reduced, or may even cease to be necessary for the maintenance of the School.

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tion felt by the Unofficials at the welcome concession recently made to the nursing sisters in the way of four clear days' respite in each month. With Your Excellency's permission, I should like to add a few remarks that have a personal touch. In the earlier part of the year I had occasion to be a daily visitor to the Peak Hospital for the rather long period of over two months; and the splendid work of its entire nursing staff, their quiet efficiency and their devotion to duty—filled me with admiration. Such is the respect I have for the nursing staffs of the Government hospitals that I gladly embrace the present opportunity of paying them this small tribute.

#### Juniors' Salaries.

In regard to the matter of salaries I desire—even at the risk of appearing inconsistent after joining in the plea for stricter economy—to give notice to the claim of the "local" men in the employ of the Government for fair consideration. More than once in this Council, and also elsewhere I have brought forward their claims for an amelioration of their conditions of service. What they are asking for now is no more than what has been accorded to their more fortunate seniors. The Hon. Colonial Secretary in dealing with this subject in his Budget address, stated that the reorganisation of the Junior Clerical Service is estimated to cost an increase of \$104,164 next year. He further said that of this increase \$25,050 is due to the necessary increase in numbers, \$13,665 to stipulated increments, and \$42,250 to the creation of more higher grade posts. It has been pointed out to me that all these three items cannot be placed in the same category as the all-round increase that has been granted to officers' salaries on a sterling basis.

#### What Justice Requires.

The increase in the number of posts does not mean an increase in individual salaries. The increase in stipulated increments should not be taken into account here, inasmuch as the "sterling" men receive stipulated increments in precisely the same manner.

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All the world over where English is spoken, indignation has been aroused by the piracy of the British ocean-going steamer "Aning."

Two British officers of the Mercantile Marine and a Chinese petty officer sacrificed their lives in a gallant effort to stay the attack. The Master of the vessel still lies in hospital from wounds inflicted by the marauders. Another officer was also injured.

Altogether the pirates collected about \$100,000 in cash and loot and seven unfortunate passengers are now in captivity with a price set on their respective lives.

A new rendezvous, next to the notorious Bias Bay, has been found; namely, Honghai Bay.

Immediately on receipt of information, Chinese troops set out in pursuit of the pirates.

These, in brief, are the features of one of the most daring and callous episodes in the history of China Sea piracy. The "Overland China Mail", the only illustrated weekly news budget published in Hong Kong, has printed a full account of the tragic happenings which were aggravated by the fact that the bodies of the three dead defenders were dumped overboard.

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## POLO

ARGENTINES WIN THE SECOND MATCH

## A HARD GAME

New York. Yesterday. In the second polo match in the championship of the Americas, the Argentines beat the United States

## OLYMPIC "FACES."



by 10 goals to seven.—Reuter's American Service.

## The Teams.

Teams were the same as in the initial match on Saturday last, when America won, namely:—

United States:—A. Harriman, T. Hitchcock, Malcolm Stevenson, Winston Guest.

Argentina:—A. Kenney, J. Nelson, J. Miles, L. Lacey.

## A Rough Game.

Play opened with an Argentine drive towards the goal, followed by an exciting scramble at the American end which resulted in a foul which the Argentine converted into a goal. The Americans missed

## THE EYEBALL

## FIRST LECTURE OF SEASON AT THE UNIVERSITY

In the amphitheatre of the School of Anatomy, at Hong Kong University, last evening, the first lecture of the season, under the auspices of the Hong Kong University Medical Society, was given by Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.M.S., (London), the subject being "Acute Inflammations of the Anterior Segment of the Eye-ball."

Professor K. H. Digby, F.R.C.S., (England) was in the chair, and there was a good attendance of medical graduates and students of the University.

Two reasons given by the lecturer for the choice of the subject were:—(1) because the diseases in question were of very common occurrence, and frequently met with in the course of routine medical practice; (2) also, because in the investigation of these diseases, no elaborate examination requiring the expert use of instruments is required.

Proceeding, Dr. de Castro Basto described various acute inflammations and their diagnosis. He emphasised the importance of differentiating acute galactoma from acute iritis. The two diseases were very similar, but their treatment was shown by the lecturer to be entirely opposite.

Dr. de Castro Basto also dealt with many interesting points in ophthalmological practice, and this was followed by discussion, in which many members of the medical profession in the Colony took part. Several important points in the practice of this special branch of medicine were brought out.

By a general contribution of one day's pay, officers and men of the 2nd Cavalry Brigade, stationed at Tidworth, enabled 120 poor Poplar (E.) boys to spend a holiday at Ludgershall, Salisbury Plain, as their guests.

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## BUDGET DEBATE

(Continued from Page 8.)

several fine chances to score. The Argentines led 3-0 at the end of the second chukker. Rough riding and numerous penalties then ensued and the referee's whistle was busy as in a football match. Shortly before halftime the Americans violently rallied and brought up the score to 4-4.

On resumption there was much rough riding and the Americans were severely penalised. Three successive shots from 50 feet being allowed against them.

## Deciding Match.

The Argentines in the sixth chukker increased their lead to 6-4 which the Americans, despite most desperate efforts were unable to diminish. The Argentines led 9-5 in the seventh chukker, the Americans securing a further two goals and the Argentines one in the last chukker. The deciding match will be played on Saturday.—Reuter's American Service.

## SOCCER

## K. F. C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Football Club 1st XI against the Chinese Athletic on the Kowloon Football Club ground, on Saturday, kick off at 4.45 p.m.:—

Angus; Guest, Eastman; Hely, McElvane, Bliss; Pile, Spary, Sims, Miles, Hayes.

Reserves — Hawke, Allen (Naval Yard).

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Football Club 2nd XI against Eastern on the Kowloon Football Club ground, on Saturday, October 6, 1928. Kick off at 2.45 p.m.:—

Angus; Moore, Hast; Nicholls, Easterbrook, Dunnett; White, Davis, King, Hannan, Baldwin.

Reserves — T. S. D. Whitley, J. J. Hurst, Seddon.

## GENE TUNNEY

## MARRIES MISS LAUDER IN ROME

Rome, Yesterday.

Gene Tunney has married Miss Josephine Lauder, the American \$50,000,000 heiress and great niece of the late Andrew Carnegie.—Reuter.

## "SALUTING" INCIDENT

Peking, Yesterday.

With reference to the re-opening of the United States Consulate at Nanking the U.S. Legation states that it has no knowledge of the ("saluting") incident reported yesterday. Up to the present no date has been fixed for the opening, which largely depends on the progress made in the repairs to the Consulate.—Reuter.

## The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow

who spoke on the Budget to-day.

D A U G H T E R: D I D N ' T I T E L L Y O U T O C A L L U P T H E H A I R - D R E S S E R ? D O A S T I T L E L Y Y O U D O Y O U H E A R M E ?

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expressed by my honourable colleague, the senior Unofficial member, and to congratulate him on the masterly manner in which they have been set forth.

I also wish to emphasise the fact that the views expressed by my honourable friend are the unanimous and considered opinions of all the Unofficial members, and I trust that this fact will carry due weight—especially when the most important matter dealt with in the speech calls for further consideration. I need hardly say I am referring to the water question.

Hon Mr. J. Owen Hughes

I desire to supplement the remarks made by the Hon. senior Unofficial member regarding the vote of \$20,000 towards the cost of supplying filtered water to the dairies at Diamond Hill, as asked for by the Sanitary Department for reasons of public health. It is gratifying to see that the Government recognise the necessity for providing good potable water to dairies in accordance with the



H.E. The Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn) who replied to the Unofficial Members' speeches in Council to-day.

bringing about better relations between Hong Kong and the neighbouring provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi. Already the closer intercourse resulting from his unremitting labour is having marked results, and I am confident that these results are but the beginning of an era of abiding goodwill and increasing prosperity for the two great sister cities of the South. It only remains for me, Sir, to associate the Chinese with the pledge of co-operation offered to you by the Unofficial members through their leader to-day; and this I do with peculiar pleasure, as the intelligent classes are showing a growing interest in public affairs, and are ever ready to assist the Government in all its endeavours tending to promote the welfare of the Colony.

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

Your Excellency.—As I happen to be the senior European Unofficial member of this Council present to-day, I desire to associate my colleagues and myself with the views which have been

Ordinance, and I would respectfully urge that the same consideration be accorded to the Dairy Farm Co. at Pokfulum.

It is clearly laid down by the Ordinance that dairies should be supplied with water from the Government mains, as was pointed out to the Government by the Head of the Sanitary Department in 1924, yet the company has been forced to provide for its own filtering and chlorination.

I plead therefore in the interest of public health, and in justice to the Dairy Farm Co. that the Government gives a favourable reply to the recent application which the Dairy Farm Co. has made in regard to this important matter.

## U.S. MARINES IN CHINA

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Seven hundred and four American Marines (627 from Tientsin and 87 from Shanghai), hitherto on emergency duty in China, left for San Diego aboard the U.S. naval transport "Henderson"—Reuter.

## EXCHANGES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London	2/4
Bank, Wirs	2/— 3/16
Bank, On demand	2/— 3/16
Bank, 30 days' sight	—
Bank, 4 months' sight	2/— 3/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/1 1/2
Documentary 4 months' sight	2/1 1/2
On Paris	—
On demand	124 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	182 1/2
On Berlin	—
On New York	—
On demand	48 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	50 1/2
On Bombay	—
Wire	128 1/2
On Calcutta	128 1/2
Wire	128 1/2
On demand	128 1/2
On Singapore	—
On demand	86
On Manila	—
On demand	98 1/2
On Shanghai	—
On demand	77 1/2
80 days' sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama	—
On demand	106 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 lbs (per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.60
Silver (per oz)	26 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	33 1/2 % prem.
Chinese Copper Cash nom.	—
Chinese Copper Cents 6% prem.	—
Bank of Native interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	29 1/2 % dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Far.	—

## LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.	—
Paris	124
New York	4.84 1/2
Brussels	34.89
Geneva	25.19
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Milan	92.75
Berlin	20.36
Stockholm	18.18
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.44 1/2
Prague	163 1/2
Helsingfors	152 1/2
Madrid	29.75 1/2
Lisbon	107 1/2
Athens	37 1/2
Bucharest	79 1/2
Rio	5.29 1/2
Buenos Aires	47.11 1/2
Bombay	1/6 1/2
Shanghai	2/7 1/2
Hong Kong	2/0 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 19/32
Silver Spot	26 1/2
Silver Forward	26 1/2

—British Wireless Service.

## NEW TIEN TSIN TAXES.

Peking, Yesterday. The new 2 1/2 per cent. export tax, also the new transit tax was imposed in Tientsin on Oct. 1. The Bank of Communications is establishing an office in the Customs compound for the collection of the taxes.—Reuter.



The Hon. Dr. Kotewall, who also took part in the Budget debate to-day.

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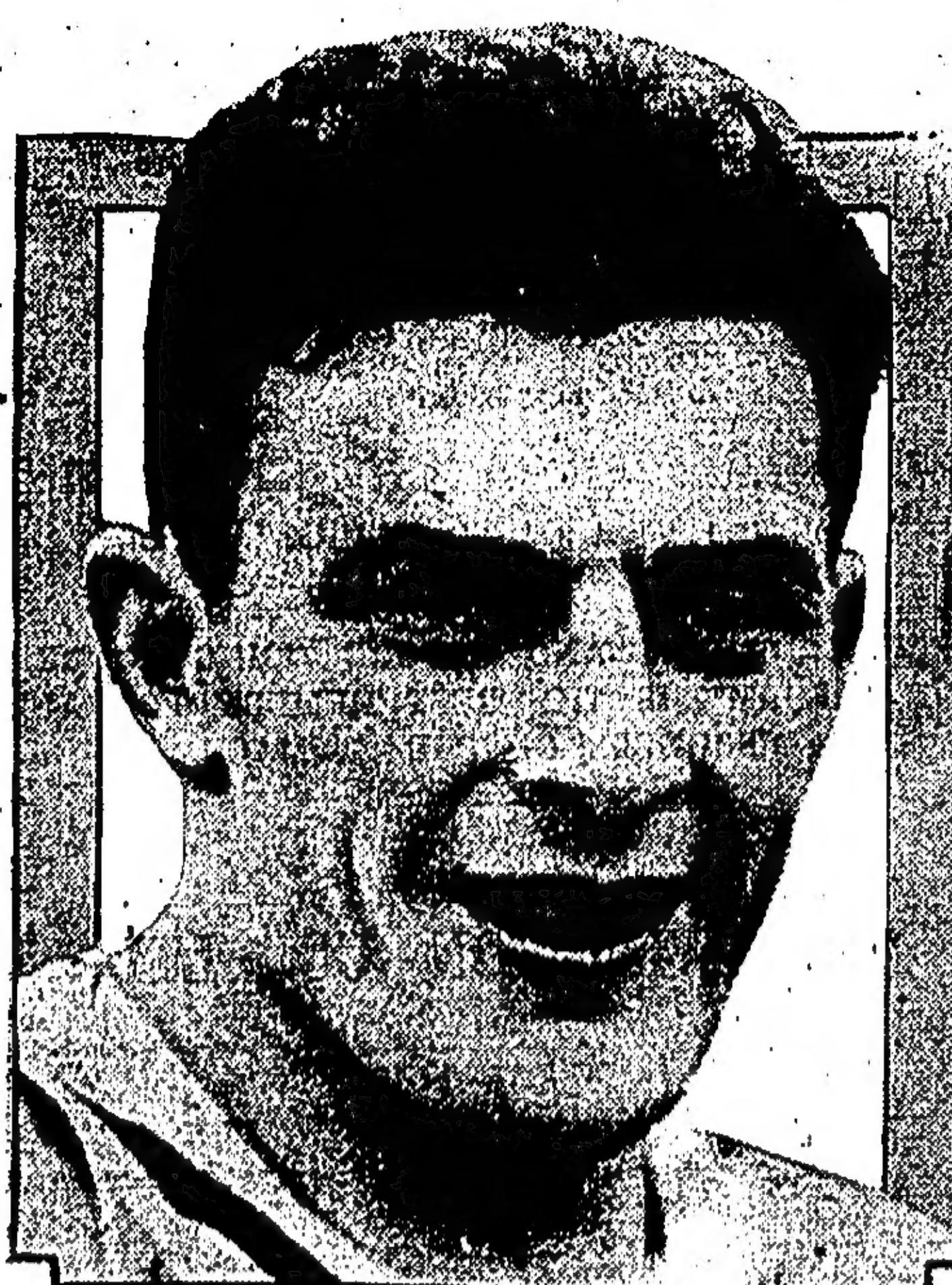
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## WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

A Sensation at Amsterdam.



Tired but happy—and no wonder! For the closeup was snapped just after Ray Barbini of Lawrence, N. Y., Syracuse University student, had flashed across the tape a winner in the 400-metre championship at the Olympic games in Amsterdam.

Canadian Beauty Re-weds in Reno.



Mrs. Hilda Betty Cooke, internationally known Canadian beauty, has become the Reno bride of Milton G. Shirwin, New York broker. Mrs. Cooke is shown with her daughter, Shirley. She was sought by immigration officers three years ago when she fled into the United States from Canada.

Siamese Twins.



Mary and Margaret Gibbs of Holyoke, Mass., Siamese twins who, it is claimed, are now in a New York hospital where a surgeon will undertake the dangerous operation of separating them so that Margaret (right) may wed. In the centre is their mother.

She's a Winner.



Ruth Hurschler. She captured first prize in the annual "perfect back" contest of the National Progressive Chiropractic Association held at Los Angeles recently. Well say that Ruth certainly merited the award!

Before Meeting Gene.



The above exclusive picture shows Polly Lauder, the fiancee of Gene Tunney, as she appeared in 1923 watching a golf match at the Westchester-Biltmore club at Rye, N. Y.

New Annie Oakley.



What she doesn't do to the clay pigeons is a crime. Here is 16-year-old Anne Louise Patis of Washington, Pa., who recently tied for high gun honours in a trapshooting contest against men. She looks like a coming champion, doesn't she?

Fights Family for Son's Custody.



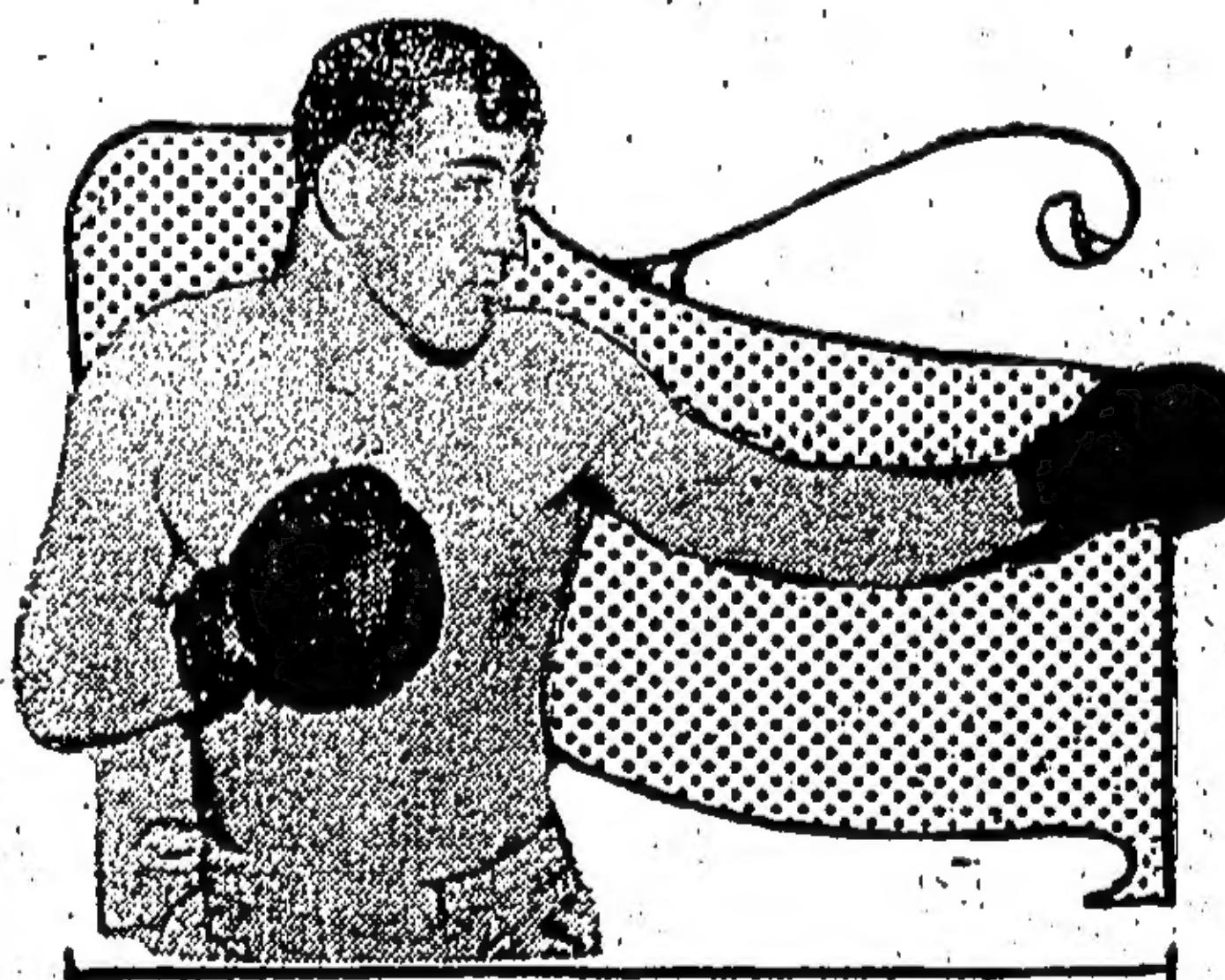
Alger MacCready has opened a court battle for the possession of his son, Alger, Jr. (pictured with his father), in Boston. Lined up against him is the entire MacCready family, as well as his former wife, Junior's mother.

Writing Biography With Music.



"I'm happy and in love, so why shouldn't I write in a humorous vein?" demands Irving Berlin, who has completed a new song whose lyric tells the story of his own spectacular rise from poverty to wealth. Irving is pictured playing his new composition to his best friend and severest critic—his wife, the former Ellin Mackay, in their New York home.

Erin Enters Heavyweight Arena.



A brot of a boy is Con O'Kelly, new heavyweight boxing champion of Ireland, who is en route to America to take a hand in the coming free-for-all to pick a successor to Gene Tunney. O'Kelly has won 128 of 125 amateur bouts, and 40 of his 45 professional scraps.

At the Notification Ceremonies.



Secretary of War Dwight Davis (left), pictured with Herbert Hoover at the Hoover home at Palo Alto, Calif., after the ceremonies incident to the Republican standard bearer being formally notified of his selection as the party's candidate for president.

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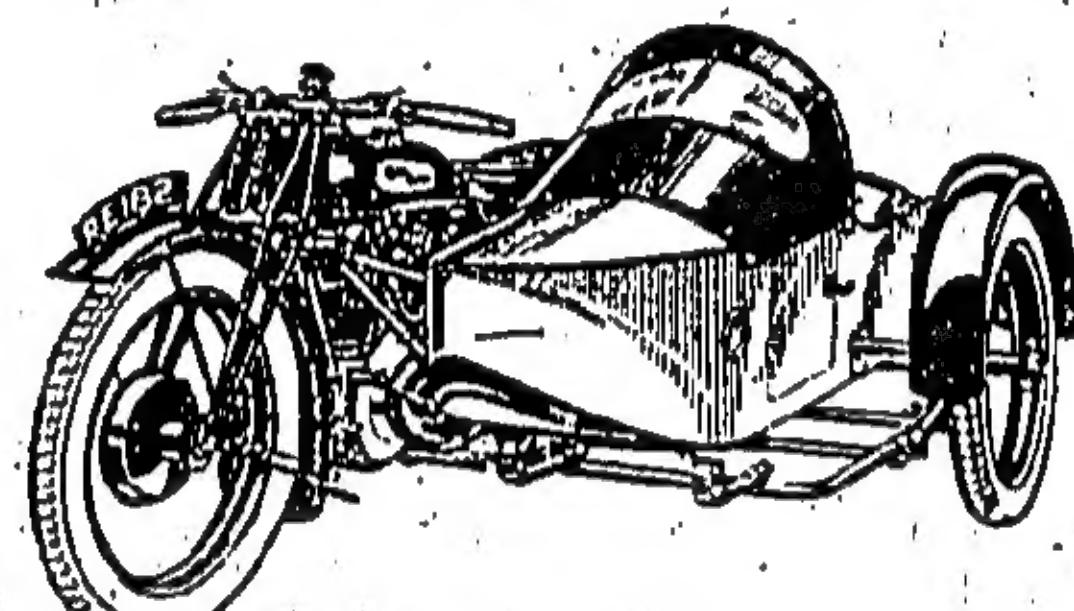
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Equipped with adequately roomy bodies on a moderate-weight chassis, its 57 horse-power, 3 by 4 1/2, 17.49 cubic inch displacement six-cylinder, L-head, engine, makes the car a nimble performer even with the fairly heavy men aboard, as the writer found. Tyre size is 5 by 19 inches; the gear ratio 4.7 to 1, and the overall length is 155 1/2 inches without bumpers, and 169 inches with bumpers, approximately 13 and 14 feet respectively.

#### Road Test

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A 2 1/4 inch crankshaft, a trifle less than 31 inches long, is sufficiently heavy and short so that there are no noticeable periods of crankshaft vibration, and vibration is, of course, assisted by the relative shortness of the stroke.

#### Counter-Weights

Pistons are fitted with two-shaped compression rings, originated by Chrysler, and one oil-control ring. The former are 9/64 and the latter are 1/8. A filter screen of ample size, covered by a bell housing, is placed in the centre of the oil pan, and the oil pan is fitted with two effective baffles to prevent surging of the oil due to rapid acceleration or braking with resulting over-lubrication of rear or front cylinders.

#### Four-Blade Fan

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In accordance with Chrysler practice, intake and exhaust manifolds are separate except connected in the centre to form a hot spot around the intake, ordinary supplied with heat by the exhaust from cylinder Nos. 3 and 4. But to accelerate warmup, heater control button on the instrument board may be pulled out so that exhaust from all the cylinders goes through the hot-spot jacket. The exhaust pipe is connected to the front of the manifold to keep the heat away from the floor boards.

#### Metric Spark

The engine is ordinarily supplied with a Silver Dome head, which uses a high-compression as ordinary fuels will permit while a Red Head with a 6 to 1 compression ratio may be obtained for use with high compression fuels.

Silence is also assisted by the triangular, rubber drive in the hub of the single-plate clutch and smooth engine running is enhanced by the torque reaction neutralizer, a well-known Chrysler feature which consists of a flat slot linked to the rear of the engine, which slides between two spring-

clock fabric lined-surfaces mounted horizontally on the dash. The purpose of this device is to smother vibration due to torque reaction. Facing the front of the car, the crankshaft turns clockwise impelled by a certain amount of force (torque) depending on how far the throttle is opened. The engine tends to turn with equal force in an anti-clockwise direction but is restrained by its mounting in the frame. This desire of the engine to turn is likely to manifest itself as the frictional resistance offered by the torque reaction neutralizer.

The quality of this engine is indicated in the carefulness with which its parts are fitted. Connecting-rod big ends are selectively fitted with a clearance of .002 inch; the 2 11/16-inch wristpins clamped to the rod are ground and lapped to two-thousandths and selectively fitted to the pistons with five thousandths clearance. The inner diameters of the wristpins are tapered to reduce the weight. The inverted-strut aluminum alloy pistons are selectively fitted to the cylinder with .0015 clearance, and valve tappets also are fitted in this manner. A short, compact silent chain drives the camshaft only. Camshaft bearings are 2 1/16 by 1 1/32 by 1 1/32; 1 15/16 by 1 1/32 by 1 5/32. Valves have a free diameter of 1 5/16 inches, the lift is 5/6 and the stem diameter is 11/32. Valve guides are pressed in. Valve seats are fully surrounded by water as are also the cylinder bores.

#### Oil Delivery

Water pump and fan are operated by a Vee belt which also drives the generator. Distributor and gear oil pump are run from opposite ends of a diagonal shaft, between cylinder Nos. 2 and 4, actuated by an integrally cut gear to the camshaft. The fan pump shaft is mounted in porous bronze pushings which permit the entrance of oil but prevent leakage of water. The diagonal placing of oil pump and distributor assists accessibility and makes it unnecessary to disturb the distributor when removing the cylinder head. The camshaft drive operates in a bath of oil, while oil is fed under pressure at main, rod and camshaft bearings. Oil is delivered from the pump to a copper tube, to a passage drilled to the main and camshaft bearings, while drilled leads in the crankshaft carry the oil to the connecting-rods. The top half of each rod is drilled with a spur which registers with a similar hold in the crankpin so that at every revolution a shot of oil is delivered to cams, cylinders and other parts. A diagonal hole in each pushing guide assists in the certain lubrication of these surfaces.

Pistons are fitted with two-shaped compression rings, originated by Chrysler, and one oil-control ring. The former are 9/64 and the latter are 1/8. A filter screen of ample size, covered by a bell housing, is placed in the centre of the oil pan, and the oil pan is fitted with two effective baffles to prevent surging of the oil due to rapid acceleration or braking with resulting over-lubrication of rear or front cylinders.

#### Four-Blade Fan

A puluator is mounted on the dash and a conventional Chrysler crankcase ventilating system is fitted, consisting of a tube running down from the crankcase which draws air from the crankcase due to the forward motion of the car, while fresh air enters through the oil filler opening which is provided with vanes to throw out any dust in the entering air. A shutter is fitted by which the crankcase ventilating system may be closed off in warm weather.

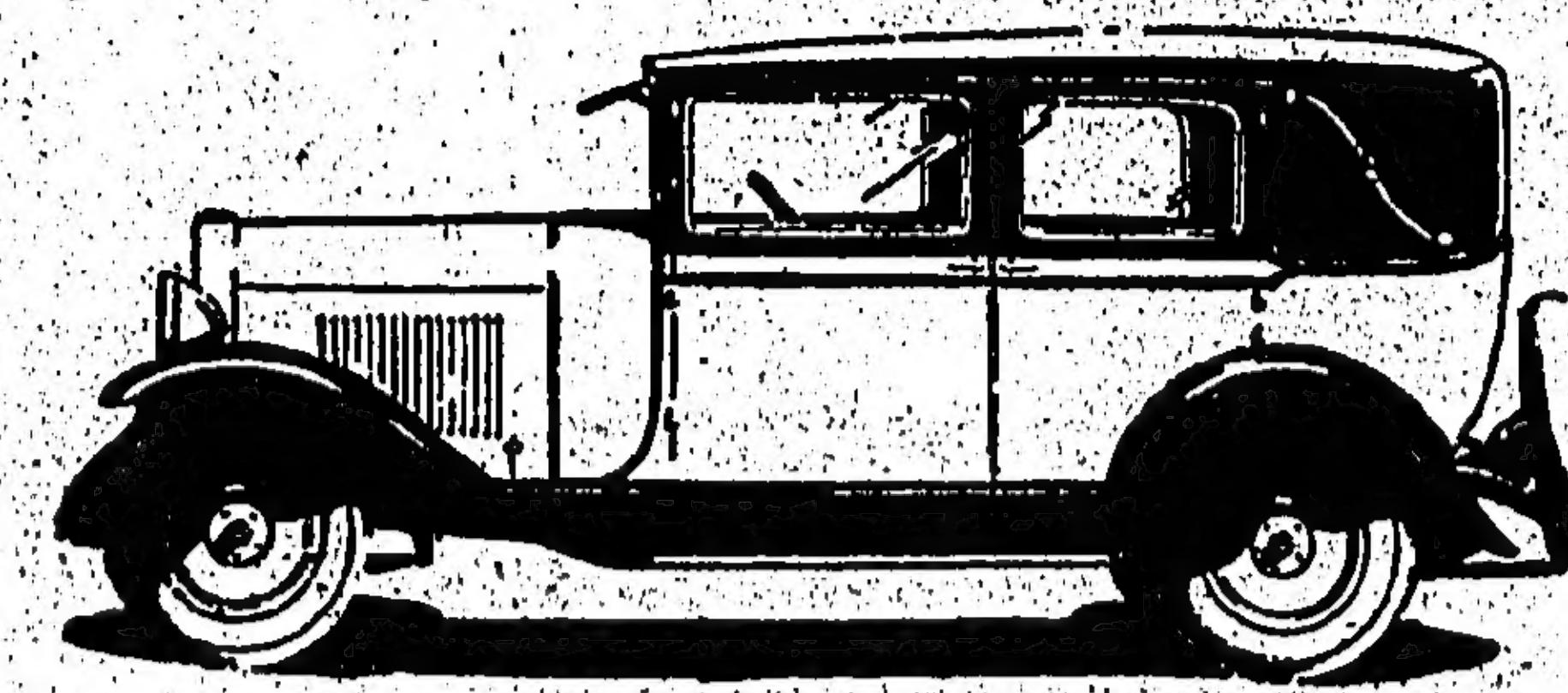
In accordance with Chrysler practice, intake and exhaust manifolds are separate except connected in the centre to form a hot spot around the intake, ordinary supplied with heat by the exhaust from cylinder Nos. 3 and 4. But to accelerate warmup, heater control button on the instrument board may be pulled out so that exhaust from all the cylinders goes through the hot-spot jacket. The exhaust pipe is connected to the front of the manifold to keep the heat away from the floor boards.

#### Metric Spark

The engine is ordinarily supplied with a Silver Dome head, which uses a high-compression as ordinary fuels will permit while a Red Head with a 6 to 1 compression ratio may be obtained for use with high compression fuels.

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The Gear Axle is semi-floating with a hub bearing of 2 1/16-inch steel and with taper roller bearing throughout. The bevel pinion is integral with the pinion shaft and is carried in two taper rollers both placed to the front of the pinion.

Pinion bearings are adjusted by shims to the rear of the forward bearing while the pinion is adjusted by shims under the flange of the sleeve which carries this assembly.

The taper bearings which support the differential unit are screw-adjusted. Each rear wheel is fitted with two taper roller bearings placed either side of a double flange on the axle shaft which serves to locate the bearing. These bearings are adjusted by shims placed next to the inner cup. To secure silent operation of bevel pinion and ring gear, the two are lapped in pairs after heat treatment.

The front axle is an I-beam, Elliott type with king pin hub which uses a centre point steering. King pin bearings are of bronze with a ball thrust. Drag link and tie rod have ball joints.

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Springs are semi-elliptic with front spring rate of 1000 lbs per square inch and rear rate of 800 lbs per square inch.

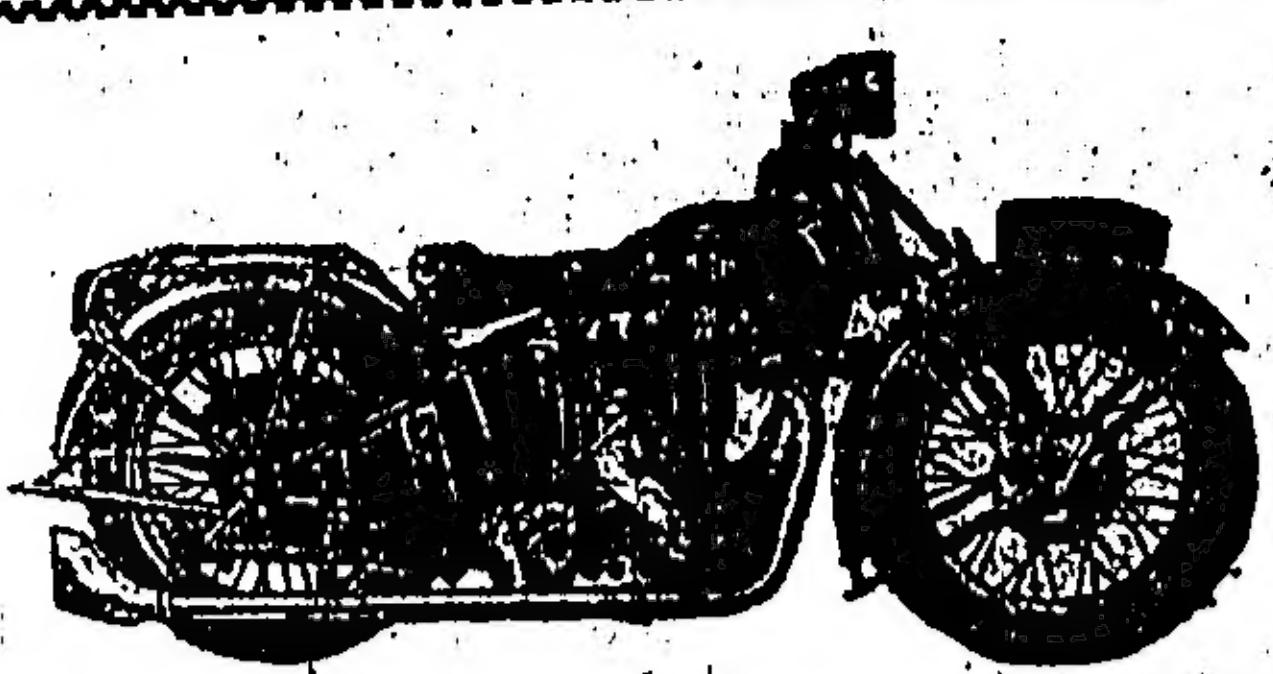
Front springs are 3 1/2 by 1 1/2 with seven leaves. Rear springs are 3 by 1 1/2 with seven leaves on the roadster, eight on the touring.

August, and 7,500 in September while factory officials now believe that nearly double the September schedule, if they could be obtained, will be needed to fulfil minimum September requirements. After September, production will be according to market demand. The De Soto is manufactured in the Highland plant of the Chrysler Corporation together with the Plymouth. The production of the Chrysler 75 has been moved from the plant to the Jefferson Avenue plant where the Chrysler 75 and 60 are also made.

### Success Promised

Even at this early date it appears that the De Soto will become a marked success in a comparatively short time, due to two major factors: 1.—It is in truth a very good-looking fine performing automobile at very moderate price. 2.—It will be marketed, and is entirely separate from the Chrysler dealer organisation.

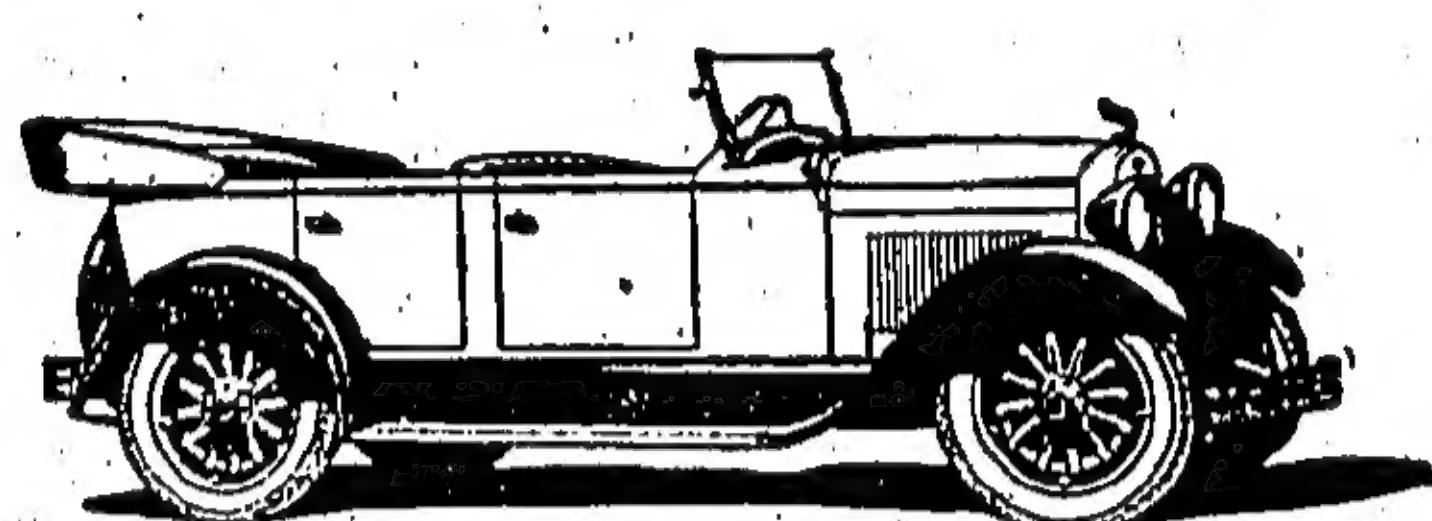
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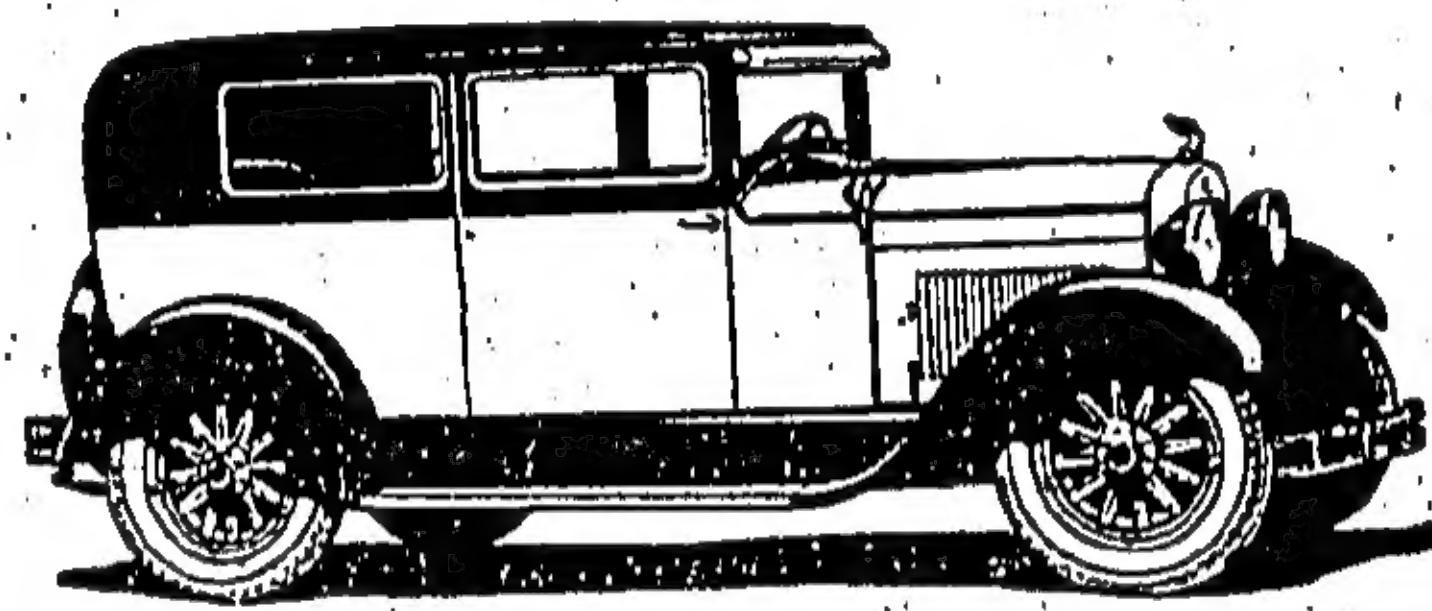
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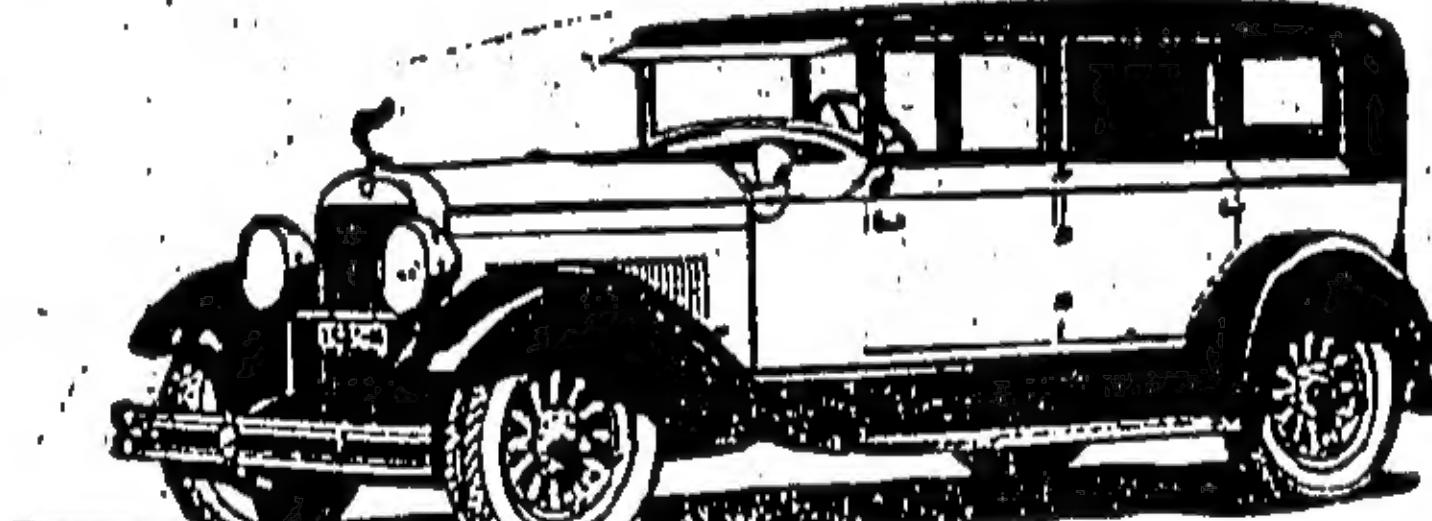
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The motor trade anticipated that this new Buick would outdo all previous models. Inasmuch as 1929 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of Buick manufacture, an analysis of the outstanding improvements immediately perceptible in the new model reveals that the public's anticipation has been exceeded.

The first improvement that meets the eye is the greatly enhanced beauty of the new Buick bodies. While retaining the fundamental sturdiness and utility characteristic of Buick, the body types are totally different in aspect and line from previous Buicks. At a glance it is evident that a new body line has appeared that bids fair to initiate a new and fashionable trend in coachwork. These superb new Buick bodies are the latest creations in coachwork, by master craftsmen co-operating with Buick engineers.

Equal in importance is the pleasant surprise of a new and very different Buick radiator. This new radiator is charming in the simplicity of its graceful lines, and has an air of racy modernism. It is high, deep and narrow, and impresses the observer with its enduring strength and its generous capacity.

## The Engine

The famous Buick engine, known for twenty-five years for its outstanding performance, power and reliability, is reborn in Buick for 1929. The quarter century of Buick engineering which has contributed to Buick's leadership has given to the new Buick a completely redesigned engine which out-performs all previous power plants of its type and size.

Copious among its mechanical improvements are the improved camshaft and valve mechanism, operating with rippling smoothness.

Improved carburetion, redesigned intake manifold, together with a new positive pump-feed fuel-supply system combine for perfect engine operation and instant response.

Steel-braced bearings, interchangeable in the crankcase, and main bearing caps are contributors to the smooth functioning of the engine. The crankshaft itself is larger, and as in former Buicks, counter-balanced for elimination of vibration.

Piston rings are larger and connecting rods made stronger. The timing gears are wider and careful engineering has made the starting gears much quieter. Thus have Buick engineers built into the 25th Anniversary Buick an engine giving new and greater expression to Buick supremacy in its field.

Among other outstanding features of Buick are adjustable front seats, increased headroom in closed models, wider front seats, a new and hand-some instrument board and panel, new steering wheel and redesigned controls.

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40 YEARS AGO  
WHEN DUNLOP FIRST MADE TYRES  
FOR SON'S TRICYCLE

It is exactly forty years since John Boyd Dunlop applied for the patent for the first pneumatic tyre. He had just retired from his veterinary practice in Belfast, the largest one in Ireland, where twelve horse-shoers worked for him.

While a boy at school in the village of Dreghorn, Ayrshire, his native place, Dunlop had observed that a large wooden roller was easier to pull than a smaller one, because, as it had a large area of surface bearing on the ground, the pressure on each unit of area was less. For years he thought of wheels with flexible rims that would flatten out and so increase the area of contact with the road.

It was a complaint from his son Johnny, then nine years of age, which actually materialised in the first rubber tyres to be filled with air. Johnny had grumbled about the difficulty of riding on thin solid tyres over the uneven stones of Belfast's streets.

His father thereupon made two air tubes from sheet rubber one thirty-second of an inch thick; fixed them to a wooden disc with a thin strip of linen and blew them up with a football pump. The tyres were then fitted to a tricycle made by Dunlop from American elm with specially shaped rims. The whole was completed one night at 10 o'clock and so eager were both father and son to test the new device that the boy went out for a run in the moonlight and returned triumphant at midnight.

When a racing cyclist who was shown the novelty expressed his doubts about it the inventor challenged him to a race on his thin solid tyres against the nine-year-old boy on the home-made tricycle equipped with pneumatics. It was the first of the long series of races to be won on Dunlops. Although John Boyd Dunlop revolutionised cycling and made motor cars possible he himself could not at that time ride a bicycle; indeed there is no record that he ever rode one in his life.

## IN THE FUTURE

## LOOKING AHEAD WITH MOTORDOM

## AUTO TRANSMISSION

Quebec.—What is likely to be the automobile of the future, at least in a number of particulars, was discussed here at the Summer meeting of the Society of Automobile Engineers. The various speakers talked about details of development which promised motor car improvement along several lines.

One of the addresses that attracted widespread interest was that of D. Sensaud de Lavaud, a French engineer, who described his invention of a new transmission that eliminates gear-shifting and automatically changes speeds. He said that the operation of automobiles on the streets of Paris with the new transmission had convinced him of its practicability.

Because, with ordinary gear-shift cars, the driver never operates continuously, at the most efficient relation between speed of engine and wheels, Mr. de Lavaud claimed that the automatic transmission will increase the average speed possible and effect a saving of more than 20 per cent in general and 40 per cent in the dense traffic areas of cities.

A long transmission shaft is driven directly from the engine and rotates an inclined "inertia hub" which changes the rotation of the shaft into reciprocating motion. Connecting the inertia hub with the drive of the rear axle are rods which, by acting on roller ratchets, translate the back-and-forth thrusts into rotary motion applied by the axles to the wheels. The trick of the transmission consists in the variation of the inclination of the inertia hub with the engine torque and road resistance which automatically varies the throw of the connecting rods, consequently the rotation of the wheels and the speed of the car. This automatic transmission is combined with a gearshift, differential and a planetary reverse gear located on the rear axle.

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## CAR TESTS

## HARD TO AVERAGE 30 M.P.H.

## DAIMLER SERVICE

[By George C. Stead]

London.—I have recently carried out trials of cars of widely differing types, and my experience may be of interest as showing the advantage of a high average speed as compared with the car which has only a high maximum speed.

To put it in other words, it may be possible to average 30 miles an hour with a car which is capable of not more than 45 miles per hour, while it may be extremely difficult to average the same speeds with a car of another make which has a much higher maximum speed.

The reason why the one car may be faster from point to point than the other is that it possesses a better acceleration and better brakes. In other words, it can start or stop quicker.

The particular car I have in mind, which has a maximum speed of well under 50, can hold its own with most other cars on the road over a journey exceeding 60 miles, and the reason is that it has the finest set of four-wheel brakes which I have ever tried, and has a very positive acceleration on top gear from 10 to 25 m.p.h.

So provided, the car can be driven fast up to any corner, instantly decelerated, and once the corner is passed it can again be put into its stride in the minimum of time. Take as a contrast a car which I recently tried. It was capable of over 70 miles per hour on the road, yet it would not run at all satisfactorily under 30 m.p.h. on top, this being due to a high compression engine and neat petrol.

Owing to these weaknesses it was necessary on occasions to attain a very high rate of speed in order to obtain the same overall average as on the comparatively slow-coach bus.

I think it will be to the good of the motoring movement if both manufacturers and users would concentrate on obtaining a reasonable average speed without insisting too much on the vast number of miles per hour which their cars can do under favourable conditions.

## Proper Service

I had an opportunity of visiting the Daimler Service Station at The Hyde, Hendon, London, and, as a result, I am particularly impressed by the excellent service which they give to Daimler users.

A large number of these luxurious cars are, of course, chauffeur-driven, and the Daimler Co., Ltd., have, therefore, instituted an excellent scheme to interest the driver in the inner working of his car. The method adopted is to have all vital parts of the car arranged in a comfortable room surrounded with photographs. After a brief time in this room the driver will realize exactly how each part of the car works, where it is situated and how to attend to its needs. This exhibition is also open to owner-drivers.

There is another idea which the Daimler Company have instituted which also encourages the enthusiasm of the chauffeur. This consists of a proficiency badge and certificate, which is issued to chauffeurs in private service with Daimler owners.

Another feature of the Daimler service organization is that the ordinary operations of routine maintenance can be carried out during the first year at any Daimler depot at very moderate fixed charges.

For instance, for an expenditure of 15s. every month or 500 miles the chassis will be lubricated, the gear box and back axle replenished, the oil filter cleaned, the sediment released from the petrol tank and autocov, the brakes adjusted, the plugs tested, and the points set both on the plugs and the contact breakers, inspection of ignition system, reconditioning battery, changing one of the wheels with the spare to equalise tyre wear, and the inspection of the spare wheel for cuts, stones, etc. It will be seen that the maintenance of the Daimler in first-rate running order is very inexpensive.

At their works at Hendon, the Daimler Company have a celluloid painting department, said to be the largest in Great Britain. Any make of car can be celluloided, the prices ranging from £12 10s. to £22.

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## THE CAR THIEF

## OUTWITTING CUNNING FORM OF CRIME

## FALSE SECURITY

[By The Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce]

"Car" stealing seems to increase and decrease in waves, and I suppose no one can explain the reason.

At the same time, there is always a certain amount of it in progress,

and thus the wise owner must attend regularly to precautions

against the unlawful removal of his car.

It was to be admitted, of course, that no measure can be absolutely effective against the really determined car thief, who might even, in certain circumstances, employ a lorry upon which to carry the car bodily away! Such drastic action, however, argues a certain amount of leisure in which to carry out his nefarious plans, and a certain security from observation;

and the vast majority of cases of car stealing are more of the sneak thief variety.

## Common Negligence

A car is left unattended while its owner enters shop or office to transact his business. Generally no precaution at all is taken, the engine being merely switched off and the side brake applied in the usual fashion. It is obviously the simplest matter in the world for any passer by who happens to be an expert driver and acquainted with the manipulation of the particular make of car to hop in and drive off. No casual observer of the manoeuvre would think anything of it.

Not being in the inner councils of the United Society of Car Thieves, I can only guess; but my guess is that a haul is never carried out in this haphazard fashion.

Probably the particular victim selected for attention has been under close observation for days or weeks. The thief knows for a practical certainty that when the owner makes the particular haul, his stay will be of a certain duration, and when the theft is carried out, it can be done with the matter-of-fact air and complete assurance which is necessary to avoid drawing attention to the act.

## No Ideal Method

What we have to do, therefore, to foil the thief, is to devise some measure that shall prevent the ready starting of the engine, or in some other way the easy driving away of the car; and the precaution must be put into action in such a way that no amount of close observation will disclose its nature, or even the fact that it has been adopted at all. If I knew of a 100 per cent effective precaution, it would obviously be of little service to tell the whole world of thieves as well as honest people about it, so the particular plan to be adopted must be left to the ingenuity of the individual reader.

We can talk about some of the purchasable thief-proof devices; and methods which have already been publicly suggested, however. One, that should be fairly effective, is the rendering of certain unavoidable metal parts of the car live with high tension current, but I do not think I need elaborate the disadvantages, which might literally be fatal to a forgetful owner. The usual thief-foiling device, adopted as standard on many cars, is a lock of one kind or another, the simplest being an ignition switch in the form of a removable key.

## Forgetful Owners

Here a minor disadvantage is that the owner either becomes careless through continued immunity and leaves the switch key in the lock, or mislays it and, in the absence of a spare cannot start the car himself! This method is also almost too simple, because the thief knows perfectly well that with the majority of cars he has merely to lift the bonnet quickly, tear away the magneto earth wire, press the starter switch, and drive away. Coil ignition complicates the matter a little, but the ignition switch does not place sufficient difficulty in the way.

Gear locks, petrol supply locks, and even steering locks all have their uses in rendering a quick departure impossible, though they are not infallible preventives. In regard to such devices in general, however, I have a strong objection to any, with which momentary forgetfulness on the part of the owner may have an ill effect. On a car with quick acceleration, locked steering might quite well bring about an accident if the owner failed to release it before starting off.

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Cutting off the petrol supply, also, is of little service, because the float chamber of the carburettor will usually contain sufficient spirit to enable the thief to drive some little distance away, and when the engine peters out he is sure to be sufficiently skilful to diagnose and remedy the trouble.

Apart from this, however, the owner himself is liable to drive off without unlocking the device and quite unpleasant consequences may result from the failure of the engine in the centre of the traffic, or possibly at the precise moment when a tricky piece of overtaking is being attempted.

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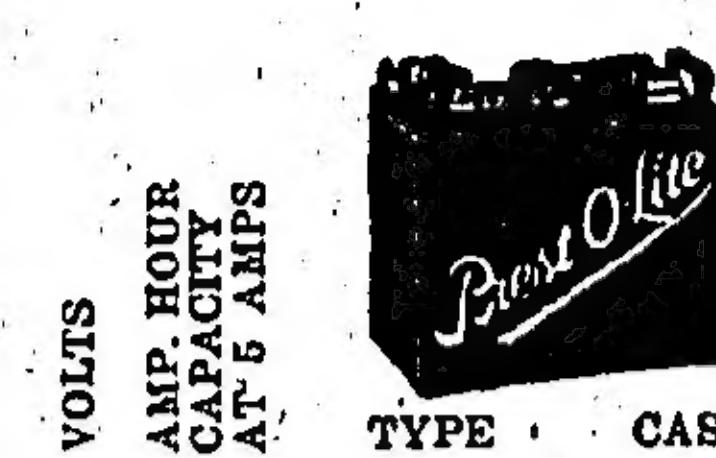
## AN EXPLANATION

Another idea which I have seen suggested (though I am not aware whether there is any actual accessory on the market which can be fitted to a car), is the use of a device which automatically switches on a raucous electric horn if the car is moved by an unauthorised person. This really does seem quite sound, so long as the action of switching on the safety device can be performed so unobtrusively that an observer is unaware that any such precaution has been taken, and has been disturbed by it and will take steps to "correct the most unfortunate impression."

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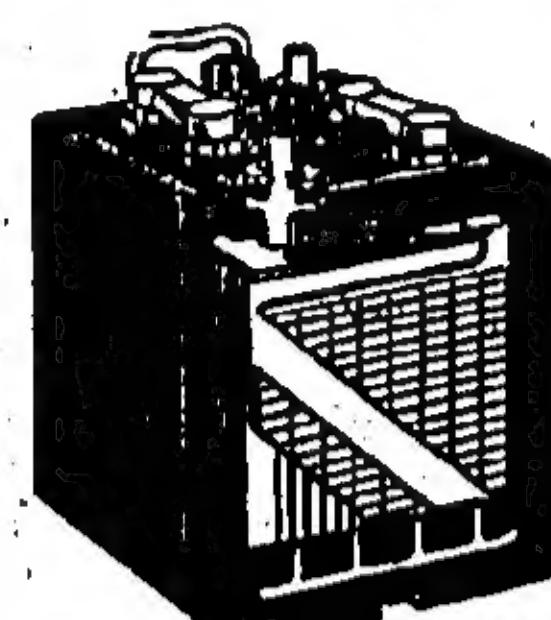


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### MOTOR TOPICS.

[By Edgar N. Duffield.]

Destiny plays strange tricks with us. One of them has ordained that I, the most inveterate of misogynists, should be commissioned to write on motoring for ladies. I am, however, too sagacious to rebel against Fate, and I shall therefore obey the behest!

I want to tell you about my niece, Ethel. A heart of gold, Ethel, and far, far shrewder than she looks. Yet even Ethel can commit appalling blunders at times.

Take, for instance, this case, which occurred some days ago.

"Christmas," I said to Ethel, who had come to pay me a nicely call; "Christmas will soon be with us, Ethel! Are you going away?"

"Of course, uncle!" Ethel's tones were surprised. "Christmas at home, in these days! How very dated you are at times! We are going to Scotland—to Jock's people, you know, my 'in-laws.' Very nice people! But I am dreading eight hours in the train, because Jock's sisters live near their parents, in Scotland, and fresh—positively glowing—when we arrive—I all dusty and dishevelled from the eight hours' journey. I hate trains. You do, too, I know, don't you, uncle?"

"Trains, my dear," I answered wistfully, "can be very useful. They have—why it would take me hours to tell you all that trains have done!" And I sank into reverie.

"Yes, darling, I know," Ethel replied calmly. "But if you had to sit in one for eight hours, you . . ."

"But why go to Scotland by train, now you are married?" I asked. "You have only just spent three hundred pounds on the Morris, so why go by train? What has the car done?"

"Car? In December?" Ethel shrieked. "Do you want me to freeze on the way?"

I nodded slowly.

"At the end of December, maybe; four hundred and fifty miles is rather a tall order on end," I agreed. "But you are married now, and you can stop half-way. Start early, at about eight or nine in the morning. Have lunch and a rest at one, then go on again. Have a cup of tea at five, then hit the trail once more, and go on until it is really dark. Then find a good inn and put up for the night. You can start off again at nine o'clock next day."

"Your car is as snug as a car can be. You can be just as warm as you like or as cool as you like. The Morris is as comfortable as any money can buy; you have a lamp in the roof as well as one on the instrument board, and bags of room for your luggage in the rear."

"You and Jock can take turns at the wheel to make the run easier. I am asking you to do two hundred and twenty-five miles in ten hours, as day-light is short-lived, and you may meet a little fog in patches, or snow; it's a long way, but if you

two youngsters cannot cover that distance in a driving day, well . . . Here I took out my pipe.

The fallacy that motoring is any longer a butterfly, fair-weather, summer-only business is ridiculous, Ethel." I went on, after a meditative pause, during which my niece watched me with ruminative eyes.

"In a saloon like yours, with a first-class windscreen, an automatic wiper with two squeegees, a fog lamp on the near side dumb-iron, that Thermorad heating device for use if it should really be cold, plenty of wraps, tons of room for luggage, a pocket for a Thermos flask, the facilities for smoking, and front seats which will enable the passenger, the 'idler' of the moment, to sleep for an hour or two if so disposed—why, my good girl, I'd rather drive to Scotland in December than in June!"

Ethel looked at me in genuine amazement.

"Do you really mean," she asked, "that such a journey could be tolerable?"

"Tolerable?" I echoed. "Tolerable? The very height of enjoyment, my dear girl! I would not miss such a trip for the world! Why, when I was your age—" And I laughed.

"You think I could stand it?" Ethel said dubiously. "You do not think I should be fatigued?"

I shook my head emphatically.

"For a girl who can dance steadily from about nine till four, eat bacon and eggs for an hour, spend a couple of hours in bed, have a dip, play a round of man's golf, lunch to beat the band, then play tennis all the afternoon, and sit down to Bridge all the second evening. I—Fatigued? Good heavens no!"

"Stamp on the idea that motoring is a spring, summer, autumn and winter affair," I went on. "Realise that the motor car of to-day is designed, materialised, built and equipped to be a three hundred and sixty-five-day-per-year convenience. Realise that no railway journey could be quite as comfortable and jolly as one made in your own car! You go as you please and when you please. Four hundred and fifty miles will cost you fifteen gallons of petrol and a pint or so of engine oil; call it a sovereign; at the outside. Four hundred and fifty miles, for two of you, first-class, by rail would cost you something nearer twenty pounds!"

Ethel began to yield! I could see that. Yes, the mix was coming round to my way of thinking. And when Jock came in a few minutes later, and I told him of our conversation, he put the cap on things.

Ethel would make the journey to Scotland by road!

There may be other Ethels, wondering if perhaps this year they might make a similar journey in their Morris. Let them cease to wonder! Let them bite hard on the fact that a journey which cannot be made by the average well-cared-for motor car of to-day is not to be made in tolerable comfort and convenience any other way, by any other means.

Ladies, the very best of good wishes! May we meet in the New Year!

—Woman's Kingdom.

### & RHINOCEROS.

#### CHEVROLET ADVENTURES IN JUNGLE

##### EXCITING EXPERIENCES

Gordon Makepeace, Press representative with the Chevrolet Capetown to Stockholm Expedition writes:

"It is very curious that when anyone announces to his friends that he is about to proceed to Cairo by road, the first question he is asked is almost invariably, 'What guns are you taking?'

Apparently, in the public mind the journey by road through the heart of Africa is synonymous with the destruction of much of the natural fauna of the continent. Admittedly, the mere journey by road would become dull indeed were it not for the hundred and one exciting incidents which occur once the traveller has left the more populous centres of civilisation, but really there is no need whatever to set off from Capetown with a couple of Lewis guns, a Maxim or two, and a Hotchkiss, in addition to the normal equipment of shotguns and a sporting rifle.

A road crowded with Sunday tourists presents difficulties which can be met only by intelligent, considerate car manipulation. Cutting in and then out, dangerous swerving and unheralded stopping—these are some of the factors which have caused hundreds of mishaps on the country's highways, and if 1928 is not to be a year marked by a fearful toll of automotive injuries each driver must take himself in hand and exercise rigid control over what may be a characteristic of his type of motor vehicle operation.

The point is that every one, at some time or other, is seized by a desire to "step on it," to do a bit of daring driving, to outwit and outlast the other fellow. That is a natural, human impulse, but it is important to remember that there are times and places for everything, and a crowded highway is no spot for such tricks.

On an empty road, where the only injury possible would be to the driver himself, another question is involved. But where many innocent human lives are at stake, the thoughtful motorist will drive with the utmost self-possession and with every consideration for the rights, privileges, and lives of his motoring colleagues.

### TRAFFIC TOLL

#### POINTS TO BE REMEMBERED BY DRIVERS

##### RESPONSIBILITIES

If the record of 1928 highway accidents is to be maintained at a decent minimum, it is essential that every motorist fulfil to the letter the fundamental rules of the road and the basic regulations which govern safe and careful driving.

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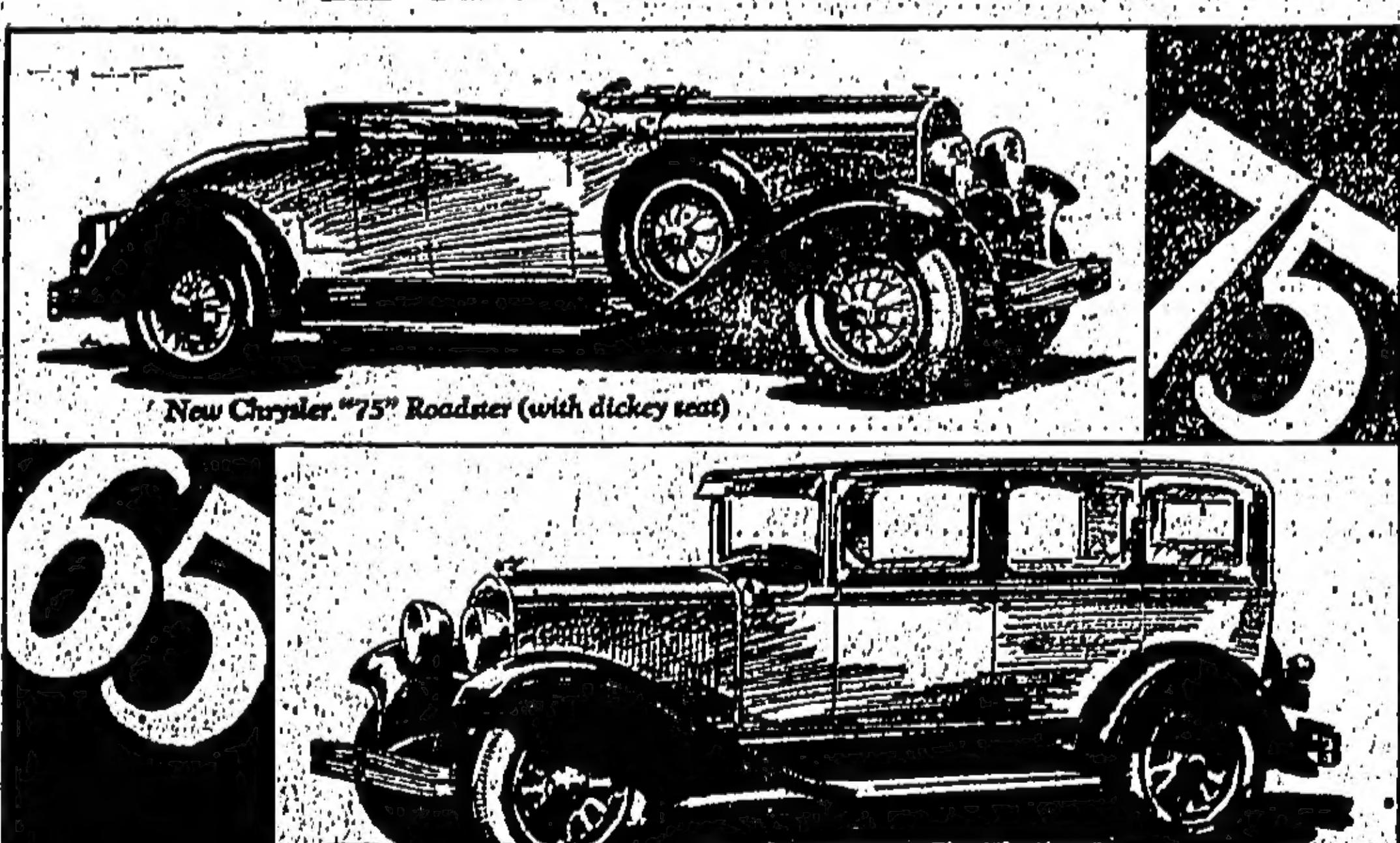
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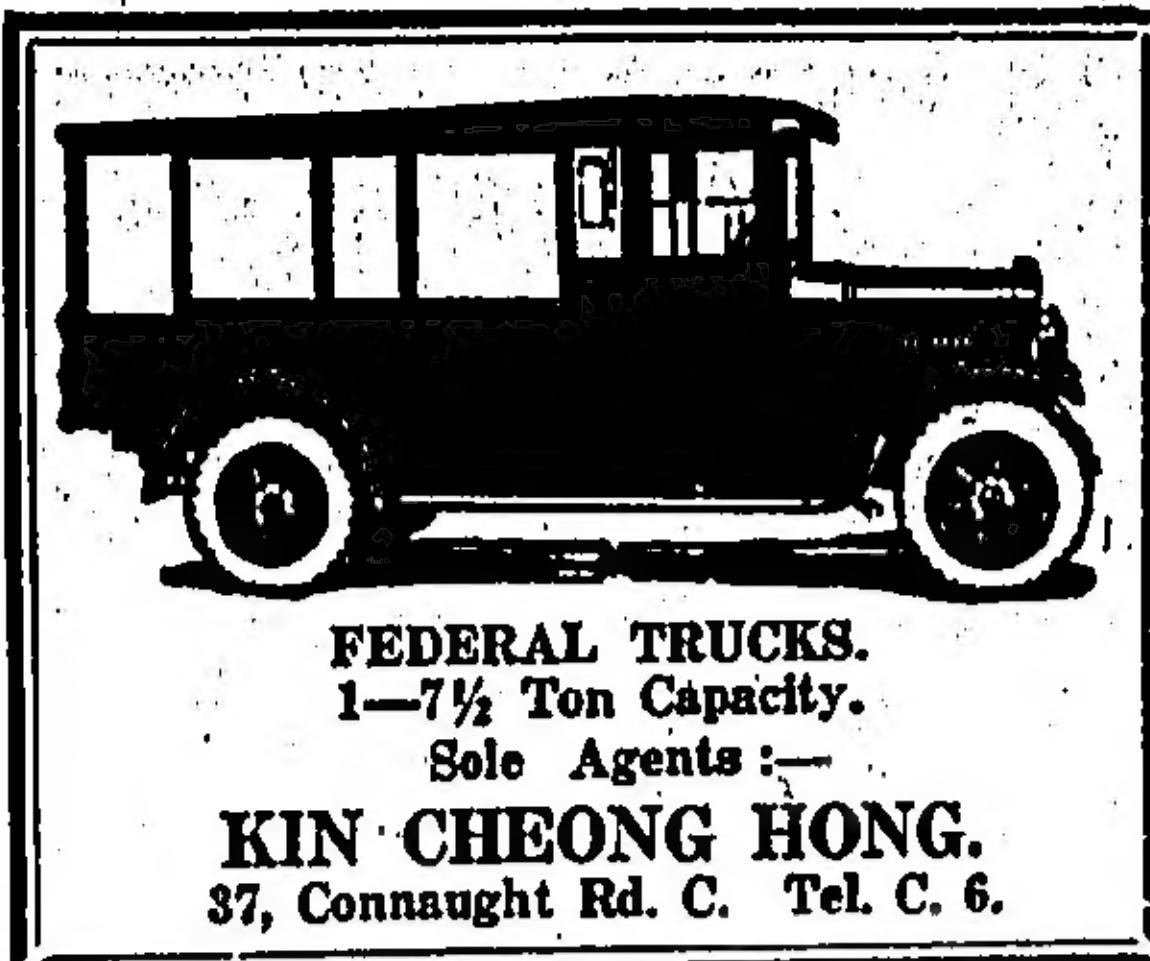
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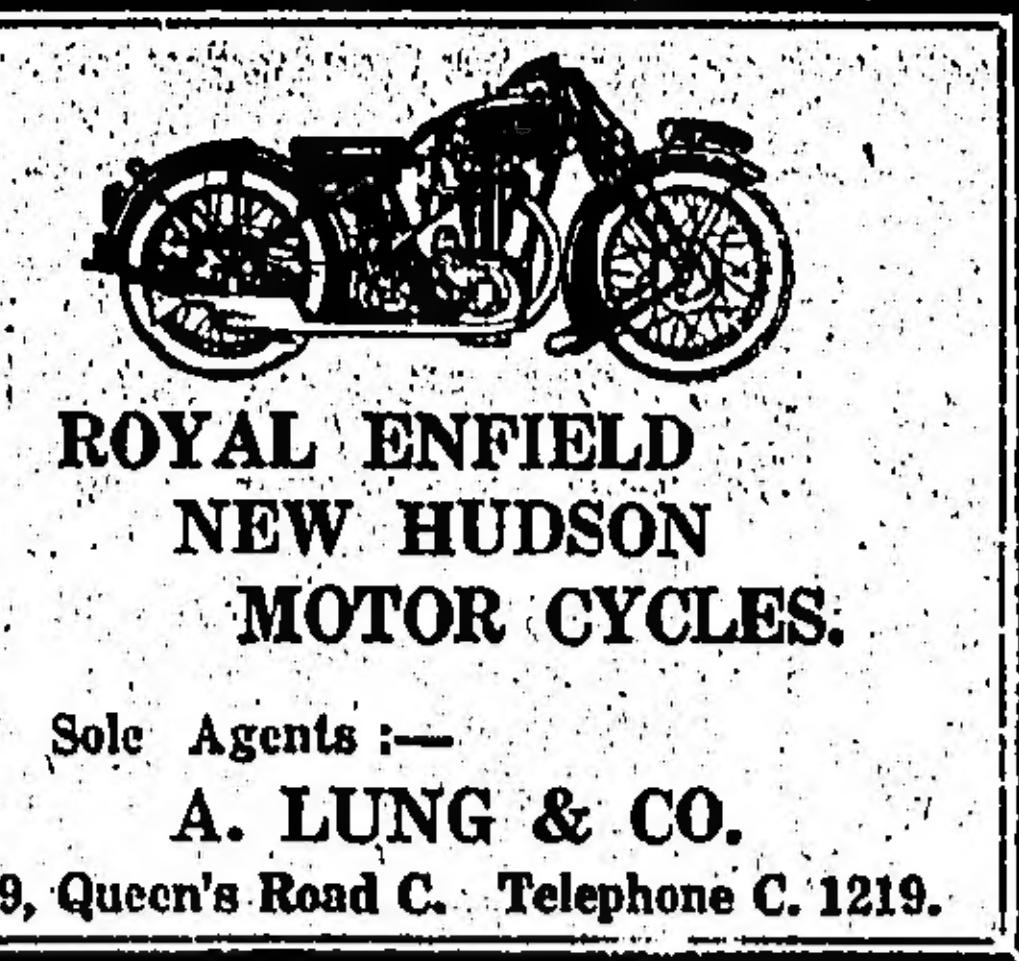
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From	Per	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4.	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5.	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6.	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7.	MONDAY, OCTOBER 8.	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10.
Shanghai and Swatow		Sunning						
Japan and Shanghai			Fushimi Maru					
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai				President Hayes				
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For	Per	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4.	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5.	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6.	CRUISE OF 1,750 MILES IN 34 1/2 HOURS
Saigon		Prosper	3.30 p.m.		
Straits		Shunko Maru	3.30 p.m.		
Sam Shui and Wuchow		Fook On	4 p.m.		
Shanghai		Linan	4.30 p.m.		
Holow		Kweiyang	9.30 a.m.		
Straits		Fookang	1.30 p.m.		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		Haining	2 p.m.		
Straits; Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 4th Nov. K.P.O. Registration 4.30 p.m. Letters (Oct. 6th) 9 a.m. G.P.O. Registration (Oct. 6th) 8.45 a.m. Letters (Oct. 6th) 9.30 a.m. p.m. Registration (Oct. 6th) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Oct. 6th) 10.30 a.m. Protelaus					
Wei Hui Wei		Kuochow	2.30 p.m.		
Manila		President Hayes	5 p.m.		
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia		Sunning	6 p.m.		
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7.					
Bangkok via Swatow		Kalgan	9 a.m.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa		Hosan Maru	9 a.m.		

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## LABOUR'S SOCIALISTIC PROGRAMME

### A 50-PAGE BOOKLET

RAMSAY MACDONALD ON CAPITAL AND LABOUR.

MAXTON UNPOPULAR

London, Yesterday. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., introducing the election programme at the Labour Conference in Birmingham, based it on a 50-page booklet, prepared by the Executive Committee and circulated to the delegates. He announced that coal, transport, power, land and life insurance should publicly be owned, the Trades Union Act repealed, and that banks must consider national interests as a whole and not financiers' interests. The minimum wage must be made effective and Mr. MacDonald declared that there could be no equality between capital and labour while the owners of capital formed one class and the suppliers of labour another.

Stormy Scenes

Mr. Maxton, M.P., complained that the booklet was not a programme but a thesis giving the next Labour Government a free hand to devise any programme it liked.

There was a stormy scene when Mr. Maxton suggested that if instead of getting Communists by the throat they started to get capitalism by the throat. Labour would get a clear majority at the next election. He declared that if the nation was to be saved from catastrophe, essential industries must be controlled from inside and in the term of the first Labour Government. He concluded by naming MacDonald, Lansbury, Henderson and Snowden and insisting that they should redeem their promises.

Programme Adopted

The conference adopted the programme after a few stormy outbursts while the commoners Maxton and Wheatley were speaking.—Reuter.

## SOVIET'S OIL

### THE CONFISCATION OF BRITISH PROPERTY

### ABORTIVE NEGOTIATIONS

London, Tuesday. It is announced that the negotiations which have been proceeding for some time past between the Soviet Government, Soviet oil interests, and a big combine composed of the Shell group, the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, and the Anglo-American Oil Company have broken down.

The negotiations aimed at the conclusion of an agreement by which the combine offered the Soviet oil interest an opportunity of selling a million tons of oil and oil products in the English market.

The proposal of the British companies was that they should purchase the oil from the Soviet and be responsible for its distribution.

The combine, however, demanded as the first essential to an agreement, that a discount of five per cent. on the purchase price be given as compensation in respect of the British oil properties confiscated by the Soviet.

The breakdown occurred on this point, the Soviet Government refusing to grant the discount on the ground that it admitted liability to the dispossessed proprietors.—Reuter.

## "GRAF ZEPPELIN"

CRUISE OF 1,750 MILES IN 34 1/2 HOURS

Berlin, Yesterday.

The new German airship, "Graf Zeppelin", in making a 38-hour flight from Friedrichshafen with seventy persons on board, manoeuvred over the North Sea after reaching England. She passed Borkum at mid-night and cruised over Bremen, Schleswig and Hamburg and appeared over Berlin at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Government Cheques

Referring to Government cheques, Mr. Hazelrigg said that these were different from ordinary cheques in that they bore no stamp and had the words "On His Majesty's Service" printed on the top. These cheques were supplied by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank to the Government, who caused some printing to be done on the same before they were handed over to the witnesses for the prosecution.

## A CITY RUBBER SMASH

### BIG FIRM'S LOSSES

### SEQUEL TO WITHDRAWAL OF RESTRICTION

LIABILITIES £128,000

London, Yesterday. After a meeting of the creditors of E. Jones and Colegate, city rubber merchants, the official receiver reported that the estimated liabilities were £128,000 and assets £55,000. The firm's turnover in 1926 reached £3,000,000, but the violent drop in prices, due to the announcement of the removal of restriction, involved the firm in heavy losses and also, in large commitments which they afterwards took at a low level.—Reuter.

## YEO AGAIN BEFORE THE COURT

(Continued from Page 1.)

lands Trading Society for Katz and Co.

Prisoner paid in a cheque for \$8,050, on the Instone Banking Corporation, drawn by the Min Tak Co., for the firm, and asked to open a current account with the Netherlands Trading Society, and received paying-in and cheque books.

During the remainder of 1927 three further payments were made into Katz and Co.'s account. On October 21, prisoner paid in \$830, of which \$300 was in a cheque drawn on the Easterly Banking Cor-

## CLOUDY

E. winds, fresh; generally cloudy, is the forecast until noon to-morrow.

poration by the Man Lee Co. On November 14, prisoner paid \$150 in cash and a cheque for \$450, drawn on the Instone Banking Corporation by the Min Tak Co.

On Katz Co.

Ten cheques were drawn on Katz and Co. with the Netherlands Trading Society up to the end of 1927, and two of these were in favour of the Man Lee Co. At the end of 1927 Katz and Co.'s account had a small credit balance. All the transactions were carried out by the prisoner in person.

"Young Tak-lee"

At the beginning of October, 1927, prisoner called on the compradore of the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation and gave the name of Young Tak-lee, proprietor of the Man Lee Co. Government contractors, and asked to open a current account for the Man Lee Co.

The compradore required a letter of introduction, and the following day the prisoner called again and produced a letter from Katz and Co. who were banking with the Netherlands Trading Society. On

the strength of this letter of introduction, the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation agreed to open a current account for the Man Lee Co.

On October 5, 1927, the prisoner brought a cheque for \$2,500 drawn in favour of the Man Lee Co. by Katz and Co. on the Netherlands Trading Society, and with this cheque opened an account for the Man Lee Co., receiving paying-in and cheque books.

During the remainder of 1927 one other payment was made into the Man Lee Co.'s account. This was a cheque for \$500 drawn on the Netherland Trading Society, drawn in cash on January 6.

Twelve cheques were drawn on the Man Lee Co.'s account up to the end of 1927. One was for \$575 in favour of the Min Tak Co., and another for \$800 in favour of Katz and Co. At the end of 1927 the Man Lee Co.'s account showed a small credit balance. All the transactions of this firm were carried by prisoner in person.

The Cheques

On January 4, 1928, a Treasury cheque in favour of the Min Tak Co. for \$78,800.41 was paid by the prisoner into the firm's account with the Instone Banking Corporation, and on the same pretext of paying sub-contractors, prisoner drew in cash \$55,980 on January 6.

On January 4, 1928, a Treasury cheque in favour of the Man Lee Co., with the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation. The Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank required identification of the endorsement and the cheque was returned to Man Lee Co. It was not presented again, and did not form the subject of a charge against the prisoner.

Resigned

On January 5, the prisoner called at the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation and presented another Treasury cheque for \$95,142.19 in favour of the Man Lee Co., and on the same pretext of paying sub-contractors he drew in cash \$76,500 on January 5, 1928, and \$14,900 on January 6, 1928.

On January 28, 1928, prisoner resigned from the Treasury, paying one month's salary. In lieu of notice and month's salary, he was paid £100, which was his salary for the month of January.

For example, the word "beaver"

## THE AUSTRALIAN CRISIS

### MORE HOPEFUL

### UNIONS NOT IN FAVOUR OF A "HOLD UP"

### "MAD DOG" POLICY

Melbourne, Yesterday.

The most hopeful development of the strike position is that the committee of the Maritime Transport Union, when considering the motion for a general hold-up, has reported against any extension of the strike for the present. Opposition members of Parliament are urging a resumption of work in order to fight the new Transport Workers Act through the ballot box, while the leader of the powerful Australian Workers' Union described the general strike as a "mad dog" policy.

The shipowners have decided to tie up interstate vessels, and a million pounds worth of wool is held up at Port Adelaide, while all the big stores are crammed.—Reuter.

was deleted and "Order" printed in its place, also the words "Colonial Treasurer" and "Cashier" were printed on the bottom of the cheques. Further, a serial number was printed on the top of the cheques. At the end of the year it was customary to print the word December on the cheques also.

Therefore, for the purpose of perpetrating a fraud on the Government it was necessary to obtain cheques of that type.

Two Books

About the time material to this case, the Treasury obtained from the book two books of 600 cheques each. One of the books was kept in reserve in the Book Safe and the other was used. This book when not in use was also kept in the Book Safe.

Each of the two cheque books of 600 cheques supplied to the Treasury on November 3 and December 2, 1927, had the final 30 cheques removed between the time of their receipt and the last week of December.

Shortage Noticed

The shortage was noticed by the clerk in charge of the cheque books, but when he examined the covers and found that the serial number on them had been altered and bore something resembling initials, he arrived at the erroneous belief that the bank had supplied the books with only 570 cheques in each, and did not report the matter.

On the third week of December when he received from the bank a final cheque book containing